

## 2001 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

### Series Notes – at Boston College (May 12-13)

The Notre Dame baseball team (43-8-1, 20-3 BIG EAST)—ranked as high as 2nd in the national polls (see p. 4)—wraps up the regular season with a three-game series this weekend at Boston College ... the Irish have run away with the BIG EAST regular season title (ND also won in '99 and had the league's best overall winning pct. in '97, winning the western division) ... ND saw its record-setting, 18-game BIG EAST winning streak end in last week's UConn series (6-1, 13-12, 12-19) ... Seton Hall's vaunted '89 team (led by Mo Vaughn) won 11 straight BE games while the previous record for consecutive BE wins was a two-year, 15-game run by St. John's in '90 (5) and '91 (10) ... ND's '99 team (20-5) is the only other BIG EAST squad ever to win more than 18 conference games ... two wins this weekend would break the ND regular for regular-season wins (44, in '90) ... the UConn game marked just the second time this season the ND has lost by more than two runs (also 6-1 to South Florida, in game that was 1-1 in the 8th) ... ND has dropped to 4th in the nation with a 2.97 team ERA (Rice leads at 2.80) ... sophomore RHP **Peter Ogilvie** notched his first complete game in last week's 9-1 win over Michigan (5 H, 1 BB, 6 Ks) ... Ogilvie's 1.88 season ERA would rank among the national leaders but he is nine innings short of the NCAA minimum (52, or 1 IP per team game) ... four ND players have been named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District V team (see p. 5) and now advance to the national Academic All-American ballot (that team will be announced in mid-June): senior LHP **Mike Naumann**, junior 3B **Andrew Bushey**, sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** and sophomore RHP **Matt Laird** (ND was the other school with multiple players on the 11-player all-district team) ... seventh-year Irish head coach **Paul Mainieri** is two wins shy of reaching his 300th win at Notre Dame.

**RADIO COVERAGE** – South Bend-based WJVA radio (1580 AM) is scheduled to carry live broadcasts of Notre Dame's entire 56-game schedule in 2001 (plus all postseason action) ... a real-audio link to internet broadcasts of the games may be accessed at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com) while real-time stats for home games—including updated play-by-play—likewise can be accessed at [und.com](http://und.com).

**AROUND THE BIG EAST** – Six teams still are battling for the final three BIG EAST Tournament spots: Rutgers (15-8), Virginia Tech (13-9-1), St. John's (13-10), Seton Hall (12-10-1), West Virginia (11-12) and Boston College (10-11) ... final standings will be based on winning pct. ... ND will face the 4th-place finisher on Thursday, May 17, in the first game of the BIG EAST Tournament (3:30 p.m.) at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, N.J. ... a win would send ND into Friday's 3:30 game (the winner of that game goes straight to the title game) while the losers of Thursday's games will meet in an elimination game on Friday at noon ... this week's schedule includes St. John's at Rutgers, WVU at SHU and VT at Pitt.

**HEILMAN JOINS 40-400 CLUB** – ND senior RHP Aaron Heilman (Logansport, Ind.) joined current South Carolina senior Kip Bouknight (43-10, 431 Ks) and all-time NCAA strikeout leader John Powell of Auburn (43-20, 602 Ks; '90-'94) as the only Division I players known to have reached 40 career wins and 400 Ks—since limits were placed on the number of games that teams can play per season (beginning in '90) ... 11 others are known to be members of the 40-400, including five from the '70s and six who played primarily in the '80s (prior to the current 56-game schedule limits) ... of the 14 on the list, Heilman's .851 career winning pct. ranks 4th (behind ASU's Eddie Bane, .909/40-4 in early '70s, Texas' Richard Wortham, .877/50-7 in mid '70s, and Hawaii's Derek Tatsuno, .870/40-6 in late '70s) while his 9.78 Ks per 9 IP rank 5th behind Tatsuno's 12.10, Bane's 11.98, Powell's 11.36 and Texas' Greg Swindell's 10.25 (in the mid '80s) ... the other members of the 40-400 club include Georgia Tech's Doug Creek ('88-'91), Kirk Dressendorfer of Texas ('88-'90), Clemson's Brian Barnes ('86-'89), Florida State's Mike Loynd ('83-'86), Fresno State's John Hoover ('81-'84), ASU's Craig Swan ('69-'72) and Santa Clara's Rich Troedson, ('69-'72) ... see p. 7 for a complete chart of the 40-400 club.

**PORZEL CONTINUES SURGE:** The other Irish senior tri-captain—SS **Alec Porzel** (Lisle, Ill.)—continues his lateseason surge as he climbs up the ND and BIG EAST record books (see pp. 3-4) ... Porzel earned his second BIG EAST player-of-the-week honor in the last month after leading the Irish last week in batting avg. (.524, 11-for-21), hits, doubles (4), home runs (one of three with one), total bases (18), slugging pct. (.857) and on-base pct. (.583), plus second in runs (8), RBI (7) and walks (3) ... he struck out just once last week, did not hit into a double play, batted 5-for-9 with runners in scoring position, hit 6-for-9 with two outs and reached on 3-of-6 leadoff chances.

#### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

\* – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

Pos.	Player	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	2001 Stats	Notes
CF	*Steve Stanley	Jr.	5-7/150	Upper Arlington, OH	.394, 26 RBI, 63 R, HR, 3 3B, 13 2B, 22 BB, 15 K, 29-35 SB	.359 career avg.; 177 consec. starts at CF
2B	Steve Sollmann	Fr.	5-10/180	Cincinnati, OH	.373, 33 RBI, 46 R, 5 HR, 3B, 9 2B, 26 BB, 23 K, 19-29 SB	Batting .407 with 2 outs
SS	Alec Porzel	Sr.	6-0/195	Lisle, IL	.296, 47 RBI, 44 R, 5 HR, 2 3B, 25 2B, 21 BB, 16 K, 5-9 SB	ND's first 30-30 man; hit .403 last 20 gms
RF	*Brian Stavisky	So.	6-3/220	Port Allegany, PA	.386, 54 RBI, 34 R, 5 HR, 4 3B, 15 2B, 24 BB, 19 K, 9-10 SB	Has cut his Ks in half (39 in 2000)
C	*Paul O'Toole	Fr.	6-2/215	Lakewood, OH	.315, 29 RBI, 32 R, 2 HR, 3B, 10 2B, 18 BB, 11 K, 8 HBP, 12-21 SB	17.6 PAs per K; 40 career SBs
3B	*Andrew Bushey	Jr.	5-10/190	Boardman, OH	.343, 32 RBI, 30 R, 3 3B, 15 2B, 14 BB, 20 K, 1-5 SB	Hit combined .271 in 1999 and 2000
DH	Ken Meyer	Jr.	6-0/210	Fort Myers, FL	.286, 13 RBI, 11 R, 2 HR, 4 2B, 8 BB, 17 K, 1-1 SB	Beat CMU on 9th-inning grand slam (6-4)
	or #Matt Bok	Jr.	5-10/190	Akron, Ohio	.300, 14 RBI, 12 R, HR, 4 3B, 5 2B, 5 BB, 9 K, 0-1 SB	.341 BIG EAST batting average
LF	#Ben Cooke	Sr.	5-9/175	Bay Village, OH	.333, 6 RBI, 10 R, 4 2B, 4 BB, 10 K, HBP	3-run double in 7-1 win over Villanova
	or Matt Strickroth	Jr.	6-5/230	Mission Viejo, CA	.194, 6 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR, 3B, 2B, 3 BB, 10 K	Hit two towering 1st-pitch HRs at UOP
1B	*Joe Thaman	Fr.	6-4/205	St. Louis, MO	.290, 22 RBI, 26 R, 2 HR, 3B, 14 2B, 8 BB, 27 K, 1-2 SB	.990 fielding pct. (5 Es); 4th on tm in 2Bs

#### RESERVES

3B	Javier Sanchez	Fr.	6-2/190	Miami, FL	8 GP, 2 GS, 0-for-13, BB, 2 K	Attended same HS (Columbus) as Paul Mainieri
C	Soran Leahy	Fr.	6-1/180	Buffalo Grove, IL	.231, 2 R, 3 BB, 3 K	Converted middle infielder

#### Injured (back injury, out indefinitely; dnp 5/6 vs. UConn)

LF	Kris Billmaier	So.	5-9/195	Woodinville, WA	.240, 33 RBI, 32 R, 3 HR, 6 2B, 26 BB, 13 K, 7 HBP, 4-6 SB	Batting .296 w/ runners in scoring pos.
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#### PROBABLE STARTING ROTATION

RHP	Aaron Heilman	Sr.	6-5/225	Logansport, IN	1.42, 12-0, 12 GS, 9 CG/3 ShO, 89 IP, 86 K/24 BB, .162 opp. avg.	3rd Div. I pitcher since '90 w. 40 W/400 K 22-1 last 23 decisions; 6th in nation - ERA
RHP	Danny Tamayo	Sr.	6-1/240	Miami, FL	2.16, 7-1, 12 GS, 4 CG/3 ShO, 87.1 IP, 83 K/13 BB, .208 opp. avg.	26th in nation for ERA
RHP	J.P. Gagne	So.	6-0/200	Bloomington, MN	4.45, 5-3, 13 GP/9 GS, CG, 58.2 IP, 40 K/21 BB, .261 opp. avg.	Lefties hitting just .138 vs. him 3.76 ERA as starter

#### BULLPEN

RHP	Matt Laird	So.	6-0/200	Bellaire, TX	3.33, 4-1, 4 SV, 19 GP, 27 IP, 26 K/12 BB, .223 opp. avg.	15-inn. shutout streak ended vs. Valpo
LHP	Mike Naumann	Jr.	6-0/180	Tucson, AZ	3.31, 3-1, 13 GP/3 GS, CG, 35.1 IP, 10 K/5 BB, .319 opp. avg.	2000 Academic All-American; 10-2 career
RHP	Drew Duff	Jr.	5-10/185	Sevierville, TN	4.88, 2-0, 11 GP/3 GS, 24 K/8 BB, .296 opp. avg.	
RHP	Matt Buchmeier	Jr.	6-0/190	Greenwood, IN	3.38, 1-0, 2 SV, 11 GP/5 GS, 39 IP, 27 K/8 BB, .273 opp. avg.	Saves lin April vs. BG, St. John's
RHP	Peter Ogilvie	So.	6-4/210	Buffalo Grove, IL	1.88, 4-1, 7 GP/6 GS, 43 IP, 25 K/9 BB, .224 opp. avg.	Tossed 5-hit CG in 9-1 win over Michigan
RHP	Michael Morgalis	Fr.	6-4/210	Cincinnati, OH	6.75, 0-0, 2 GP, 1.1 IP, K, BB, 3 H	

## NOTRE DAME BASEBALL SCHEDULE & RESULTS

### FEBRUARY

Sat. 17	\$ vs. New Orleans	L, 6-7
Sat. 17	\$ at Mississippi State	W, 7-5
Sun. 18	\$ at Mississippi State	W, 4-2 (11)
Fri. 23	★ vs. Texas-San Antonio	W, 8-3
Sat. 24	★ vs. Texas-Pan American	W, 14-9
Sun. 25	★ vs. Sam Houston State	W, 7-4

### MARCH

Thur. 1	vs. TB Devil Rays (exhib.)	(L, 4-17)
Fri. 2	# vs. Florida Atlantic	W, 3-0
Sat. 3	# vs. South Florida	L, 1-6
Sun. 4	# vs. W. Michigan	rainout
Sat. 10	at Univ. of the Pacific	W, 5-2
Sat. 10	vs. E. Mich. (@UOP)	W, 4-3
Mon. 12	+ vs. New Mexico	W, 3-0
Tues. 13	+ vs. Navy	T, 4-4 (10)
Wed. 14	+ at Fresno State	W, 5-4 (10)
Thur. 15	+ vs. Miami, Ohio	W, 3-2 (11)
Fri. 16	+ vs. Illinois	W, 9-5
Sat. 17	+ vs. Portland	W, 7-6
<b>Wed. 21</b>	<b>Cleveland State</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Fri. 23	• at Pittsburgh (2)	W; 3-0, 3-0
Sun. 25	• at Virginia Tech (2)	L; 2-3, 8-9
<b>Tues. 27</b>	<b>Western Michigan</b>	<b>rainout</b>
<b>Wed. 28</b>	<b>Toledo</b>	<b>W, 6-1</b>
<b>Thur. 29</b>	<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>W, 9-2</b>
<b>Sat. 31</b>	<b>• Seton Hall (2)</b>	<b>W; 6-0, 6-1</b>

### APRIL

<b>Sun. 1</b>	<b>•Seton Hall</b>	<b>W, 15-3</b>
<b>Tues. 3</b>	<b>Ball State</b>	<b>L, 3-4</b>
<b>Wed. 4</b>	<b>Dayton</b>	<b>W, 8-1</b>
Sat. 7	•at Rutgers (2)	W; 10-2, 8-2
Sun. 8	•at Rutgers	W, 5-4 (11)
<b>Tues. 10</b>	<b>Chicago State</b>	<b>W, 5-2</b>
<b>Wed. 11</b>	<b>Detroit</b>	<b>W, 9-8</b>
<b>Thur. 12</b>	<b>•G'town (2)</b>	<b>W; 15-4, 17-10</b>
<b>Sat. 14</b>	<b>•West Virginia (2)</b>	<b>W; 4-1, 8-1</b>
Tues. 17	* vs. Purdue	cancelled
<b>Thur. 19</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>	<b>W, 6-4</b>
<b>Sat. 21</b>	<b>•Villanova (2)</b>	<b>W; 7-1, 15-2</b>
<b>Sun. 22</b>	<b>•Villanova</b>	<b>W, 8-3</b>
<b>Tues. 24</b>	<b>Bowling Green</b>	<b>W, 5-2</b>
<b>Wed. 25</b>	<b>Valparaiso (DH)</b>	<b>W/L; 7-3, 2-4</b>
Sat. 28	•at St. John's (2)	W; 3-2, 5-0
Sun. 29	•at St. John's	W, 7-3

### MAY

Tues. 1	◆ vs. Michigan	W, 9-1
<b>Wed. 2</b>	<b>Western Michigan</b>	<b>L, 6-7</b>
<b>Sat. 5</b>	<b>•UConn (2)</b>	<b>W; 6-1, 13-12</b>
<b>Sun. 6</b>	<b>•Connecticut</b>	<b>L, 12-19</b>
Sat. 12	•at Boston College (2)	Noon
Sun. 13	•at Boston College	Noon
Thur. 17	BIG EAST Tournament	3:30
-Sat. -19	(Bridgewater, NJ)	
Fri.-Sun 25-27	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	TBA

### JUNE

Fri.-Sun 1-3	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
Fri.-Sat. 8-16	College World Series (Omaha, NE)	

All listings indicate local starting times  
Home games (bold) at Frank Eck Stadium

- \$ – National Bank of Commerce Classic (Starkville, MS; Dudy-Noble Field)
- ★ – Alamo Invitational (San Antonio, TX; Keefe Stadium)
- # – Devil Rays College Invitational (St. Petersburg, FL; Florida Power Park)
- ^ – Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic (Fresno, CA; Beiden Field)
- – BIG EAST Conference game
- \* – Coveleski Stadium (South Bend, IN)
- ◆ – Old Kent Park (Grand Rapids, MI)
- ~ – Somerset Ballpark

**THE SERIES** – ND holds a 12-5 edge in the BC series but the Eagles have won the last three, including the final game of a 2000 series at ND (1-12, 6-10, 11-1) and a pair of one-run wins over the Irish in the BIG EAST Tournament (4-3, 6-5) ... the first two games of the series came at BC back in 1909 (a 9-0 ND win) and 1928 (an 8-1 BC win) ... since joining the BIG EAST, the Irish have played just one series at BC (a 5-2, 6-4, 16-6 sweep in '98) ... the teams played on Cape Cod in 1996 (a 9-0, 6-1 DH sweep for the Irish).

**LAUNCHING PAD** – ND's last game at BC's Shea Field saw the Irish set a team record by smacking 7 home runs in a 16-6 win (4/5/98) ... 1B Dan Leatherman left the yard twice, with the other HRs coming from current senior SS Alec Porzel (then the starting LF), 3B J.J. Brock, SS Brant Ust, CF Allen Greene and RF Jeff Felker ... ND then matched that record early in the '99 season by hitting seven HRs in a 14-11 win at New Orleans (current junior 3B Andrew Bushey hit one of his five career HRs in that game).

**CAREER STATS VS. BC:** Junior CF **Steve Stanley** owns a .600 career batting avg. (18-for-30) in eight career games vs. BC (6 RBI, 11 R, 2B, 3 BB, SB, K) ... ND's other top career hitters vs. BC include junior DH **Ken Meyer** (.500, 6-for-12, RBI, 5 R, 2 2B) and junior C **Paul O'Toole** (.400, 10-for-25, 11 RBI, 9 R, 3 HR, 2B, BB, SB) ... junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** will be looking to boost his career avg. vs. BC (2-for-15, .133), as will senior SS **Alec Porzel** (10-for-39, .256) ... see p. 10 for stats vs. BC and ND pitchers.

**40-SOMETHING** – ND owns its 13th straight season with 40-plus wins, including 48 in '89 and '92, 46 in '90, '93, '94 and '00, 45 wins in '91 and 44 in '95 ... ND's active streak of seasons with 40-plus wins ranks 4th in Division I, trailing three others that have yet to reach 40 Ws this season: Florida State (23; currently 38-14), Wichita State (23; 38-22, with more than 56 GP due to a Hawaii trip exemption) and Clemson (15; 33-17).

**+30 ... AND BEYOND** – The Irish are 30-plus games over .500 (+35) for the 4th season in ND history (first ever prior to May) ... the '89 team was the first to do it, winning five straight games to claim the MCC title and push its record to 47-17-1 (on May 20) ... the '90 Irish swelled to a 40-10 record on May 6th (with a 14-4 win over Xavier) before topping out at +35 in the MCC Tournament (45-10, then 46-11) ... the '92 Irish pushed their record to 43-13 with a 10-1 win over Dayton in the MCCs and surged as high as +34 (48-14) thanks to wins in the NCAAs over Miami, Delaware and South Carolina ... ND tied the '90 team's mark of +35 with the 9-1 win over Michigan and fell back after the 7-6 loss to WMU before becoming the first Irish team ever to reach +36 with the DH sweep of UConn (6-1, 13-12).

**RACKING UP THE Ws** – 2001 marks the sixth time that an ND baseball team has reached 41 wins in the regular season but only one previous ND squad (44-10, '90) headed into the postseason with more than 41 wins ... the four previous ND teams that finished the regular season with 41 Ws were '89, '91, '92 and '00 ... the Irish can set the team record for regular-season wins with a pair of victories at BC.

**BYOB(rooms)?** – ND has seen firsthand how challenging it can be to sweep a three-game series on the road despite being the BIG EAST's winningest team since 1996 (101-32, .759) ... in their first five seasons, ND managed to sweep just two of 10 three-game series at opposing BIG EAST stadiums: at BC in '98, at Georgetown in '99 ... the brooms were dusted off earlier this season when ND became the first BIG EAST team ever to sweep a 3-game series at Rutgers (10-2, 8-2 and 5-4 in 11 inn.) before doing it again at St. John's (3-2, 5-0, 7-3) ... ND's other three-game BIG EAST road series have included: at GU in '96 (2-1), at Seton Hall in '97 (0-3), at RU in '97 (2-1), at SHU in '98 (2-1), at SJU in '99 (1-2), at 2000 series at Villanova, UConn and West Virginia (all 2-1) ... the Irish never played a three-game series at Providence and have yet to do so at Pittsburgh ... ND's all-time road record in three-game BIG EAST series is 25-11.

**SERIE-OUS STUFF** – ND has won 17 of its last 18 BIG EAST series, 25 of the last 28 (one tie) ... the Irish have won 42 of 53 all-time since '96 (5 series ties, 6 series losses) ... ND's series run in the past three seasons includes eight series wins, one loss and one tie in '99 and wins in all nine series of 2000 before winning 8-of-9 series this season (2-3, 8-9 losses at Virginia Tech).

**HARD TO TAKE TWO FROM ND** – The Irish have played 51 all-time BIG EAST doubleheaders, sweeping 30 (18 splits, just 3 opp. sweeps) ... prior to Virginia Tech's pair of wins on March 25 (3-2, 9-8), ND had played 34 consecutive BIG EAST doubleheaders without being swept (since the first BIG EAST weekend of '97 season, at Seton Hall) ... the losses at VT are the only opponent sweep in ND's last 42 league DHs.

**FINAL GO-ROUND:** Senior RHP **Aaron Heilman** owns a 1-1 record and two saves in four career appearances vs. BC but the Eagles have touched him for 16 runs (10 earned; 5.63 ERA), 22 hits and nine walks in 16 innings of play.

**PAYBACK PLAN** – Heilman owns a 9-1 career record when facing a team that beat him earlier in his career, with the lone loss coming to Rutgers late in 2000 (16-6; after losing 7-6 in 10 inn. to RU at the '98 BIG EAST Tournament) ... Heilman avenged that second loss to the Knights this season with a 10-2 win at RU on April 7 ... since losing an 11-9, 10-inn. game to West Virginia on May 2, 1998, Heilman has posted a 5-0 record vs. WVU in his last six appearances—with two relief wins and three complete-game wins (highlighted by an 18-K performance in 2000) ... Heilman beat St. John's last season (8-3; his first decision vs. SJU since a 6-5 loss in '98) and beat the Red Storm again this season (3-2) ... he avenged his '99 loss to BC (10-7) by beating the Eagles in 2000 (10-6) ... he has pitched 14 previous games vs. teams that owned a rare win vs. the Irish ace, with the following stats in those games: 9-1, 2.68 ERA, 63.2 IP, 50 H (7.07/9 IP), 17 walks (2.40/9 IP), 79 Ks (11.17/9 IP) and a 4.6 K-to-BB ratio ... Heilman is 17-2 in his career vs. non-BIG EAST teams (both losses in first outings of season) but he has not had the chance to avenge his '99 loss to Florida International or his 2000 loss to Ohio State (both FIU and OSU are 2001 NCAA tournament hopefuls).

**SO MANY STRONG STARTS**—Senior RHPs Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo and sophomore RHP J.P. Gagne (3.40, 2.64 as starter) will be looking to extend the impressive performances by ND starting pitchers in 2001, as the Irish starters have combined for a 2.36 ERA through the first 49 games (1.96 before the UConn series) ... the bulk of those starts (24) have come from the lethal combination of Heilman (1.42, 6th in the nation) and Tamayo (2.16, 26th) while Gagne (4.45, 3.76 as starter) has turned in solid efforts in eight of his nine starts ... sophomore RHP Peter Ogilvie (1.15, 4-1 in six starts) has evolved into a strong No. 4 starter while junior RHP Matt Buchmeier (3.81) logged five decent starts during the first half of the season ... other ND starters in 2001 have included senior LHP Mike Naumann (1.90), sophomore RHP Ryan Kalita (1.13) and junior RHP Drew Duff (5.79) ... other combined stats for ND starting pitchers: 35-5 in 327.2 IP (86 earned runs), with 271 Ks, 76 walks and 262 hits allowed (for 9-inning averages of 7.4 Ks, 2.1 BBs and 7.2 hits) ... ND's overall 2.97 team ERA includes a 4.56 by the bullpen led by sophomore RHP Matt Laird (3.33, 4-1, 4 SV).

Starter (GS)	ER/IP	ERA	K/BB	H	W-L
Heilman (12)	14/89.0	1.42	86/24	50	12-0
Tamayo (12)	21/82.1	2.16	83/13	65	7-1
Gagne (9)	21/50.1	3.76	37/18	46	5-2
Ogilvie (6)	5/39.0	1.15	22/5	28	4-1
Buchmeier (5)	11/26.0	3.81	20/6	30	1-0
Naumann (3)	4/19.0	1.90	7/3	21	2-1
Duff (3)	9/14.0	5.79	10/4	16	2-0
Kalita (2)	1/8.0	1.13	6/3	6	2-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>86/327.2</b>	<b>2.36</b>	<b>271/76</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>35-5</b>

9-inning averages: 7.4 Ks, 2.1 BB, 7.2 H

**ROAD WARRIORS**—ND is 22-4-1 in all games away from home this season (21-4 at Eck Stadium) ... ND's 12-2 record on the opponent's field nearly was 14-0 (the Irish suffered two late-inning losses at Virginia Tech, 3-2 and 9-8).

**ANOTHER WINNING SEASON**—ND needed just 36 games (30-5-1) to clinch the 78th winning season in the baseball program's 109-year history, including 14 straight (the 1987 team went 15-29).

**THE SKIPPER GOES FOR 300**—Seventh-year ND head coach Paul Mainieri owns a 630-398-1 (.613) record in 18-plus college seasons ... in addition to his 298-119-1 (.714) mark at ND, Mainieri's teams were 180-121 in six seasons at St. Thomas (Fla.) and 152-158 in six seasons at Air Force ... his 298 wins rank 3rd all-time at ND, behind Pat Murphy (318, '88-'94) and Jake Kline (558, '34-'75) ... Mainieri has seen 24 of his Irish players go on to pro baseball (16 via the draft), with RHP Christian Parker being the first to reach the Majors (he earned a spot as the N.Y. Yankees No. 5 starter and made his debut vs. Toronto on April 6 at Yankees Stadium—with Mainieri and others from ND watching on) ... 15 of his players at St. Thomas went on to pro ball, including three—Joe Klink, Dane Johnson and Dan Rohrmeier—who have played in the major leagues ... Mainieri and his father Demie are the only known father-son combo in college baseball history to top 500 wins ... Demie won 1,018 in 30 years at Miami-Dade North CC.

**MAINIERI'S MILESTONES**—Paul Mainieri—who heads into the BC series two wins shy of his 300th career victory at Notre Dame—reached the 500-win milestone in ND's Feb. 27, 1999, win at New Orleans (14-11) before reaching his 600th win this season in memorable fashion: on St. Patrick's Day in the 7-6 win over Portland in the title game of the Fresno State Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic (the Irish wore special green jerseys) ... Mainieri experienced two noteworthy homecomings in '99, making his third return with the Irish to the UNO (where he played) and his third return as the ND coach to his hometown of Miami ... Mainieri coached his 800th career game on Feb. 20, 1998, at the University of Miami, after a Feb. 15 game at UNO was rained out ... he notched his 499th career win in the '99 season opener vs. James Madison, in Miami at Fla. International (Feb. 19) ... Mainieri picked up his 200th win at ND in the 7-6 win over Oakland on April 30, 1999 ... he coached his 900th college game in the opener at Georgetown on May 8, 1999, and his 1,000th this season vs. Hillsdale College (March 29).

### Career Record Book

<b>Batting Average</b>	
8. Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	.361
9. Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	.359
<b>Hits</b>	
1. Pat Pesavento (1986-89).....	296
4. Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	269
5. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	265
6. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	257
7. Jeff Felker (1997-2000) .....	246
Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	246
9. Brant Ust (1997-99) .....	243
10. Scott Sollmann (1994-96).....	239
<b>Runs Batted In</b>	
1. Eric Danapillis (1990-93) .....	221
2. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	204
3. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	202
Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	202
<b>Games Started</b> (since 1989)	
1. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	238
2. Craig Counsell (1989-92).....	223
Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	223
4. Jeff Felker (1997-2000) .....	220
<b>Games Played</b>	
1. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	238
2. Craig Counsell (1989-92).....	236
3. Mike Coss (1988-91) .....	235
4. Jeff Felker (1997-2000) .....	228
Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	228
<b>At-Bats</b>	
1. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	860
2. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	849
3. Pat Pesavento (1986-89).....	806
<b>Home Runs</b>	
1. Ryan Topham (1993-95).....	34
Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	34
6. Joe Binkiewicz (1989-92).....	33
<b>Triples</b>	
6. Paul Failla (1992-94) .....	13
Ryan Topham (1993-95).....	13
9. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	12
<b>Doubles</b>	
1. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	75
2. Eric Danapillis (1990-93) .....	61
3. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	60
<b>Runs</b>	
6. Scott Sollmann (1994-96).....	187
7. Brant Ust (1997-99) .....	174
Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	174
9. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	166
Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	166
<b>Stolen Bases</b>	
1. Scott Sollmann (1994-96).....	101
2. Pat Pesavento (1986-89) .....	94
3. Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	82
4. Greg Layson (1991-94).....	80
5. Dan Bautch (1990-92) .....	68
6. Eric Danapillis (1990-93) .....	46
7. Paul O'Toole (1999- ) .....	40
<b>Earned Run Average</b>	
1. Nick Palihnich (1959-61).....	2.36
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	2.47
3. Jack Mitchell (1959-61).....	2.49
<b>Strikeouts Thrown</b>	
1. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	400
2. David Sinnes (1990-93) .....	315
3. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	276
<b>Innings Pitched</b>	
1. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	390.0
2. Chris Michalak (1990-93).....	372.2
3. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	381.2
<b>Victories</b>	
1. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	40-10
Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	40-7
3. Chris Michalak (1990-93).....	34-13
<b>Appearances</b>	
1. Chris Michalak (1990-93).....	90
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	80
<b>Saves</b>	
1. John Corbin (1997-2000).....	20
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	12
<b>Winning Pct.</b> (min. 16 decisions)	
1. Herb Kelly ('12-'14).....	.917 (22-2)
2. Frank Scanlan ('07-'09).....	.864 (19-3)
3. Hugh Mageveny ('22-'24).....	.857 (18-3)
4. Aaron Heilman ('98- ) .....	.851 (40-7)
<b>Complete Games</b>	
1. Norwood Gibson (1896-00) .....	28
2. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	24
3. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	23
<b>Shutouts</b>	
1. Jean Dubuc (1907-08).....	7
Frank Scanlan (1907-09).....	7
Chris Michalak (1991-93) .....	7
4. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	6

## ND'S TOP SITUATIONAL HITTERS

### Two-Out Batting Average

1. Brian Stavisky .....	.424
2. Steve Sollmann.....	.400
3. Alec Porzel.....	.361
4. Steve Stanley.....	.327
5. Matt Bok.....	.316
6. Paul O'Toole.....	.300
Team Average .....	.313
7. Andrew Bushey.....	.278
8. Joe Thaman .....	.277
9. Kris Billmaier .....	.237
10. Ken Meyer.....	.219
(2000 team avg. was .276)	

### Two-Out RBI

1. Alec Porzel.....	19
2. Brian Stavisky .....	18
3. Steve Sollmann.....	16
4. Andrew Bushey.....	13
5. Paul O'Toole.....	12
6. Kris Billmaier .....	10

### Runners Advanced

1. Paul O'Toole.....	25
2. Alec Porzel.....	18
3. Kris Billmaier .....	19
Joe Thaman .....	17
5. Steve Stanley.....	16
Steve Sollmann.....	16

### Batting with Runners in Scoring Pos.

1. Steve Sollmann.....	.407
2. Brian Stavisky .....	.387
3. Andrew Bushey.....	.370
4. Paul O'Toole.....	.351
5. Steve Stanley.....	.340
6. Alec Porzel.....	.329
7. Matt Bok.....	.300
8. Kris Billmaier .....	.296
Team Average .....	.314
9. Ken Meyer.....	.200
10. Joe Thaman .....	.164
(2000 team avg. was .313)	

### Leadoff On-Base Percentage

1. Ken Meyer.....	.588
2. Steve Stanley.....	.520
3. Paul O'Toole.....	.486
4. Steve Sollmann.....	.468
5. Kris Billmaier .....	.452
6. Brian Stavisky .....	.447
Team Average .....	.441
7. Matt Bok.....	.375
8. Alec Porzel.....	.367
9. Andrew Bushey.....	.333
10. Joe Thaman .....	.317
('00 team avg. was .376)	

### \*Plate Appearances Per K

1. Paul O'Toole.....	17.55
2. Steve Stanley.....	16.00
3. Kris Billmaier .....	15.77
4. Alec Porzel.....	14.38
5. Matt Bok.....	10.22
6. Brian Stavisky .....	9.61
Steve Sollmann.....	9.61
Team Average .....	9.59
8. Andrew Bushey.....	9.55
9. Joe Thaman .....	7.00
10. Ken Meyer.....	5.53
* AB, BB, HP, SF, SH / Ks	
(2000 team avg.: 9.26)	

### #Best Double Play Ratios

1. Ken Meyer.....	45 ABs (0)
2. Steve Stanley.....	78.0 (1)
3. Alec Porzel.....	55.0 (2)
4. Matt Bok.....	44.0 (1)
5. Brian Stavisky .....	33.7 (3)
6. Steve Sollmann.....	30.3 (3)
7. Joe Thaman .....	29.3 (3)
Team Average .....	28.3 (32)
8. Andrew Bushey.....	23.3 (4)
9. Paul O'Toole.....	22.8 (4)
10. Kris Billmaier .....	15.2 (6)
# Lowest grounded into DP ratio, vs. ABs	
with runners on base	
(2000 team avg.: 50.5)	

**PORZEL RANKS AMONG BIG EAST'S ALL-TIME BESTS** – Irish senior SS **Alec Porzel** steadily has infiltrated the BIG EAST record book and is the only player currently ranked among the BIG EAST's all-time top 10 for each of the following categories in conference games: RBI (1st, 99), doubles (2nd, 33), at-bats (2nd, 335), hits (6th, 106; 5 shy of 4th), home runs (6th, 19), games played (6th, 90; 3 out of 4th) and runs (8th, 76; 5 out of 6th) ... Porzel's 13 RBI during the last nine BIG EAST games sent him well past the previous BIG EAST career RBI record (89, by Rutgers 1B/OF Pete Zoccolillo) ... Porzel needs two doubles and 11 more at-bats to pass former Rutgers SS Darren Fenster atop those BIG EAST stat categories (Porzel would have been 1st team all-BIG EAST in 2000 but Fenster had a player-of-the-year season) ... Porzel's 14 doubles in BIG EAST games this season stand just one shy of the BIG EAST record (UConn's Billy Rich had 14 in '97) ... ND junior CF **Steve Stanley** is tied with Porzel for 8th on the BIG EAST career runs list (76) and ranks 7th in hits (104, two behind Porzel).

**GAPS IN HIS BAT** – Porzel hit 24 doubles as a junior and already has gone one better this season, with his 25 two-baggers ranking third in the nation (Southern University's Michael Woods and Ohio University's Ryan Keyes both have 27) ... Porzel's 0.48 2Bs/gm rank 7th nationally ... Dan Peltier (32, '89) is the only previous ND player to hit 25-plus 2Bs in a season ... Porzel (75) is ND's runaway leader for career 2Bs (Eric Danapilis was the previous recordholder, with 61 from '90-'93).

**IN THE ND RECORD BOOKS** – In addition to already ranking as ND's leader in career doubles (75), **Alec Porzel** is the only player presently ranked in the Irish career top 10 for home runs, triples and doubles ... here's where he ranks in the Irish career record book, heading into the BC series (see p. 3 of release for updated career record book):

- \* 1st in doubles (75)
- \* 2nd in ABs (849; 11 back of J.J. Brock's record 860 from '94-'98)
- \* 2nd in games started (223; 15 shy of Brock's record 238)
- \* 2nd in RBI (204; 17 behind Eric Danapilis' 221 from 1990-93)
- \* 4th in games played (228; 10 shy of J.J. Brock's record 238)
- \* 5th in hits (265; 31 behind Pat Pesavento's record 296, '86-'89)
- \* 5th in HRs (34; 15 back of Jeff Wagner's record 49 from '96-'99)
- \* 7th in runs scored (174; 72 behind Pesavento's record 246)
- \* 9th in 3Bs (12; 12 behind Scott Sollmann's record 24, '94-'96)

**BIG EAST BOOST** – ND owns a .334 team batting average in BIG EAST games (.321 overall, up 24 points from 2000) and is averaging 9.3 runs per inning in conference games.

**PENCIL HIM IN, OR USE PEN** – Junior **Steve Stanley** has started all 177 games of his ND career (all in center field) while logging all but 14 innings in CF during his three seasons ... in fact, during the 1999-2001 seasons, the familiar #2 has patrolled center field for the Irish in **99.1 percent of the innings** (1,496 of 1,510)—including all but two out of 513.2 during his freshman season (his classmate Paul O'Toole played the final two innings in a 20-10 loss at Northwestern on April 6, 1999) ... Stanley then played in CF for the final 267.2 innings of '99 and the first 497 of his sophomore season—a span of 764.2 consecutive innings in center field—before being replaced by current senior Ben Cooke for the final five innings of the 8-1 NCAA Tournament loss at Mississippi State (the Irish fell into an early 7-0 hole and Stanley reluctantly left the game due to illness) ... this season, he has patrolled center in all but seven of 427 innings—with Mike Naumann inserted into CF for the final inning vs. Texas-Pan American (a 14-9 win) while John Heintz played the position for the final four innings vs. Hillsdale (a 9-2 win) and for the final two innings of the 15-3 win over Seton Hall ... Naumann—who had plenty of OF experience as a prep—turned in a play during that brief stint vs. UTPA that Stanley would be proud of, sprinting to the warning track and crashing into the wall while holding on to a flyout off the bat of Caleb Schmidt (who homered earlier in the game) ... here's a breakdown of Stanley's innings played in center field:

1999: 511.2 of 513.2 (final 267.2)  
 2000: 539 of 544 (497 consec. to start)  
 2001: 445 of 453  
**Total: 1,495.2 of 1,509.2 (99.07 percent)**

**THE MEN OF IRON** – By starting each of ND's final three regular-season games, **Steve Stanley** would move past former teammate **Brant Ust** (1997-99) for 2nd place on the ND all-time list for consecutive starts (179) ... Ust's three-year career saw him split starts at 3B, 2B and SS in '97 before playing primarily 3B in '98 and SS in '99 ... the Irish record for consecutive starts is held by another former SS, as **Pat Pesavento** started 204 consecutive from 1986-89 (starting with the final 31 games of '86)—one of the longest starting streaks in Division I history.

**VETERAN CORE OF FOUR** – Senior SS **Alec Porzel** combines with a junior trio—CF **Steve Stanley**, 3B **Andrew Bushey** and C **Paul O'Toole**—to form the veteran core of ND's position players ... those four have combined for 716 games played, 700 starts, 833 hits in 2,595 at-bats (.321), 172 doubles, 462 RBI, 159 stolen bases and 193 walks.

**BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25**

Team	W-L	Prev.
1. Nebraska	38-12	4
2. Cal St. Fullerton	38-11	6
3. Miami	37-12	3
4. <b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>43-8-1</b>	<b>1</b>
5. USC	33-16	5
6. Tulane	42-8	8
7. Stanford	35-13	7
8. Central Florida	42-11	12
9. LSU	36-16-1	2
10. East Carolina	42-10	10
11. Rice	38-15	9
12. Georgia	36-15	19
13. Georgia Tech	36-14	11
14. Pepperdine	35-15	14
15. Florida State	38-14	16
16. Tennessee	38-14	22
17. Clemson	33-18	17
18. Baylor	33-18	18
19. Arizona State	41-16-1	20
20. Stetson	31-10	13
21. South Alabama	38-13	21
22. Mississippi	35-17-1	15
23. Wake Forest	36-15	23
24. South Carolina	39-14	24
25. UC Santa Barbara	35-12	25

Note: Records as of May 6.

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOP 30**

Team	W-L	Pts (Prev.)
1. Cal State Fullerton	38-11	470 (3)
2. <b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>43-8-1</b>	<b>468 (1)</b>
3. USC	33-16	464 (4)
4. Miami	38-12	462 (5)
5. Nebraska	38-12	460 (7)
6. Stanford	35-13	457 (6)
7. Florida State	38-14	453 (10)
8. LSU	36-16-1	450 (2)
9. East Carolina	42-10	446 (11)
10. Tulane	42-8	443 (12)
11. Georgia	36-15	440 (18)
12. Rice	38-15	432 (13)
13. Clemson	33-18	430 (14)
14. Georgia Tech	33-14	426 (15)
15. Arizona State	31-16-1	425 (16)
16. Tennessee	38-14	425 (19)
17. Pepperdine	35-15	424 (17)
18. Central Florida	42-11	422 (22)
19. Stetson	41-10	421 (8)
20. Mississippi	35-17-1	420 (9)
21. South Carolina	39-14	419 (20)
22. Baylor	33-18	414 (21)
23. UC Santa Barbara	35-12	412 (NR)
24. Wake Forest	36-15	410 (NR)
25. Texas Tech	37-15-1	407 (NR)
26. South Alabama	38-13	405 (24)
27. Ohio State	37-13	399 (25)
28. Delaware	37-12	390 (28)
29. California	30-22	385 (NR)
30. Florida	31-21	384 (NR)

*Italics – Notre Dame 2001 opponent.*

**USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES POLL**

Team (1st)	W-L	Pts (Prev.)
1. Miami (19)	38-12	945 (3)
2. Nebraska (8)	38-12	898 (6)
3. USC	33-16	888 (5)
4. Cal State Fullerton	38-11	883 (7)
5. <b>NOTRE DAME (11)</b>	<b>43-8-1</b>	<b>857 (2)</b>
6. Stanford (2)	35-13	818 (4)
7. LSU	36-16-1	752 (1)
8. Tulane (1)	42-8	723 (9)
9. Rice	38-15	715 (8)
10. Georgia Tech	36-14	656 (10)
11. Florida State	38-14	611 (12)
12. East Carolina	42-10	538 (13)
13. Central Florida	42-11	429 (20)
14. Tennessee	38-14	425 (19)
15. South Carolina	39-14	417 (17)
16. Clemson	33-18	375 (16)
17. Baylor	33-18	372 (14)
18. Georgia	36-15	355 (22)
19. Arizona State	31-16-1	345 (15)
20. Stetson	41-10	267 (11)
21. South Alabama	38-13	257 (18)
22. Pepperdine	35-15	221 (23)
23. Mississippi	35-17-1	95 (21)
24. Wake Forst	36-15	94 (NR)
25. Ohio State	37-13	55 (24)

**Others receiving votes:** Santa Barbara (53), Texas Tech (40), Winthrop (38), Rutgers (36), Southwest Missouri State (25), Middle Tennessee State (21), Auburn (21), Florida International (17), Florida (14), Oral Roberts (11), California (11), Fresno State (9), Wichita State (8), Florida Atlantic (6), Ball State (5), Texas (5), Oklahoma State (3), Evansville (3), Mississippi State (3), Jacksonville (2), Texas Christian (2), Delaware (1), Nevada (1).

### NOTRE DAME CAREER STATISTICS

Name	GP/GS	AB	R	H	HR-3B-2B	RBI	BB	HP	K	SF/SH	SB	AVG
Billmaier	84/71	249	50	69	7-0-9	52	34	8	23	4/2	4-8	.277
Bok	106/71	254	47	70	3-5-15	43	26	11	37	3/4	4-8	.276
at ND	73/50	165	32	46	1-4-9	28	17	6	24	2/4	1-3	.279
Bushey	149/148	508	76	150	5-5-33	72	49	9	47	8/6	6-12	.295
Cooke	166/73	296	56	79	1-0-13	37	20	4	92	2/14	20-30	.267
Meyer	104/66	282	53	83	6-5-20	39	17	8	50	3/0	3-3	.294
O'Toole	162/153	553	136	172	18-5-35	107	54	22	61	7/5	40-55	.311
Porzel	228/223	849	174	265	34-12-75	204	79	12	100	19/1	31-47	.312
Stanley	177/177	685	166	246	1-6-29	79	81	3	52	11/22	82-107	.359
Stavisky	111/111	419	84	140	19-9-30	99	42	5	58	3/0	14-20	.334
Strickroth	102/60	221	39	50	6-1-11	38	22	12	65	3/0	3-6	.226

Name	GP/GS	CG/Shut	IP	H	R/ER	BB	K	WP	HB	BK	AVG (AB)	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
Buchmeier	39/8	0/0	102.2	120	66/5613	33	72	12	7	0	.294 (408)	15	5-2	4	4.91
Duff	47/11	0/0	109.2	142	94/77	46	89	8	4	0	.326 (435)	9	10-4	2	6.32
Gagne	32/22	1/0	131.1	158	74/65	46	84	4	6	0	.302 (524)	11	12-4	0	4.45
Heilman	80/41	23/6	368.2	275	133/101	109	400	35	34	1	.199 (1,380)	12	40-7	12	2.47
Laird	34/9	0/0	74.0	76	42/30	27	60	10	13	0	.291 (261)	3	9-3	4	3.65
Naumann	63/8	0/0	118.1	174	78/55	29	56	5	4	0	.373 (466)	4	10-2	1	4.18
Tamayo	27/17	4/3	134.2	108	55/45	40	118	8	2	1	.220 (491)	6	11-3	1	3.01

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** The ND baseball squad posted a 3.19 team GPA in the 2000 fall semester—the program's best term in the seven-year tenure of coach Paul Mainieri ... 11 players turned in a Dean's List semester (3.4 or higher) in the fall, with 21 at 3.0 or higher ... Irish baseball players have earned GTE Academic All-America honors 13 times since '82, including a pair in 2000: 2B **Jeff Perconte** (3.76 cumulative GPA, double major in economics and government; now attending ND Law School) and current senior LHP **Mike Naumann** (3.92, pre-professional science; three 4.0 semesters; already accepted into and plans to attend Baylor Medical School) ... ND was one of seven Division I baseball teams with multiple Academic All-Americans in 2000 and only two of those schools—ND and North Carolina—participated in the 2000 NAAs ... four current ND players recently were named to the 11-player Academic All-District V team (no other school had multiple players on the team) and now advance to the national Academic All-America ballot: Naumann, junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (3.33, finance), sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** (3.69, business) and sophomore RHP **Matt Laird** (3.59, business).

**JUNIOR JUMP** – One of the hidden keys to ND's success in 2001 has been the play of junior 3B **Andrew Bushey**, who has provided solid offense batting mostly in the No. 7 hole (he is 4th on the team with a .343 batting avg., plus 15 doubles, 3 triples and a .467 slugging pct.) ... Bushey's batting avg. is up 72 points from his combined avg. in 1999 and 2000 (.271) while his slugging is up 86 points (.381 first two seasons) ... his 3 triples are more than the previous 2 seasons combined (2) while he hit just 18 combined doubles in 1999 and 2000 ... his .417 BIG EAST average ranks 3rd among the conference's players, behind a pair of OFs: UConn's Mike Scott (.451) and Billy McCarthy of Rutgers (.419).

**THE MASK FACTOR?**—Andrew Bushey's sudden jump in batting average brings back memories of another recent Irish player—**Mike Amrhein** (1994-97)—who made the switch to catcher prior to making big strides at the plate (Bushey began training as classmate Paul O'Toole's backup last fall and has made nine starts behind the plate this season) ... Amrhein—who credited his experience as a catcher with improving his abilities to see the ball as a hitter and understand the strategy of opposing pitchers (Bushey has expressed similar observations)—was a 99th-round draft choice of the New York Yankees before returning to Notre Dame for his senior season in 1997 ... after playing mostly OF and 3B in his first three seasons, Amrhein split catching duties with Jeff Wagner in '97 and responded with a monster season that included a 21-game hitting streak ... Amrhein entered that season with a .346 career batting avg. but hit nearly 50 points higher than that in '97 (.394) while amassing 91 hits, 14 home runs, three triples, 13 doubles, 71 RBI, 33 walks and just 17 Ks (nearly matching his HR total) ... Amrhein's big final season prompted the Chicago Cubs to select him in the 10th round of the '97 draft (only three ND seniors ever have been drafted higher) and he is in the midst of his 5th season within the Cubs organization (he was a non-roster invitee at Cubs spring training each of the past two seasons and currently is playing with the West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx in the double-A Southern League).

**MORE HITS, MORE Ks**—Andrew Bushey has matched his 2000 hit total (58) but his improved batting avg. has included a surprising rise in his strikeout total, as Bushey K'd just 12 times as a sophomore but has 20 strikeouts in 2001 (his on-base pct. has jumped from .352 in 2000 to .392 this season).

**BAKER'S DOZEN** – ND recently ended a 13-game homestand that included 19 straight days without a road trip and the only time this season that the Irish will play at home on consecutive weekends ... the first six weekends of ND's 2001 season—and seven of the first eight—were spent on the road, traversing some 14,000 miles with destinations in seven widespread states (Mississippi, Texas, Florida, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey).

**EXPLOSION** – The 15-4, 17-10 wins over Georgetown represented ND's most combined runs (32) ever in a BIG EAST doubleheader ... it also marked the first time that the Irish had reached 15 runs in consecutive games since the 1993 postseason, when ND beat Evansville 22-5 in the title game of the MCC Tournament before downing Mississippi State 15-1 in the NCAA East Regional (at Florida State).

**CUTTING THE Ks** – Sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** continues to make strides as an all-around offensive force, as the dangerous power hitter has struck out just 17 times in 184 plate appearances (9.61 PAs per K)—a considerable improvement from his 2000 average of 6.95 ... Stavisky's strikeout numbers are more impressive within BIG EAST play, as he has K'd just seven times in 98 BIG EAST plate appearances (13.6 PAs/K) ... Stavisky had K'd just once in the previous 17 games before striking out in his final two ABs during the loss to WMU.

## HEILMAN AND TAMAYO REACH STATUS AS ONE OF NATION'S TOP PITCHING TANDEM

### Irish dynamic duo owns 19-1 combined record and 1.79 combined ERA for nation's top-ranked team.

Notre Dame senior righthanders **Aaron Heilman** (Logansport, Ind.) and **Danny Tamayo** (Miami, Fla.) have emerged as one of the top pitching tandems in college baseball for the 2001 season, both ranking among the NCAA top 30 for season ERA while helping Notre Dame rank 4th in the nation in team ERA (2.97). ... The three-time All-American Heilman—who led the nation in ERA as a freshman in 1998 (1.61)—currently checks in at 6th on the list with a 1.42 season ERA while Tamayo—who has completed an impressive comeback from 1999 "Tommy John" reconstructive elbow surgery—is 26th at 2.16 (coming off his only subpar outing of the season), with the NCAA list limited to pitchers who have logged at least one inning per team game played. ... Heilman also joined Michael Rogers (Oral Roberts) as the current NCAA pitching leaders in winning percentage, with each owning a season record of 12-0 (four others have 12 wins, with at least one loss, while Pepperdine's Noah Lowry is 13-1). ... The mid-April issue of *Baseball America* listed its version of the nation's top seven pitching tandems, heading into action the week of April 16-22. Of those pitching duos, Heilman and Tamayo own the 2nd-best combined ERA (1.79, just behind the 1.76 by USC's Mark Prior and Rik Currier) and have the best winning pct. (19-1, .950), the fewest combined walks per nine innings (1.89) and the fewest combined hits allowed per 9 IP (5.87). Heilman and Tamayo own a 4.57 K-to-walk ratio, ranking behind only USC's Prior and Currier (5.66) and Central Florida's Justin Pope and Jason Arnold (5.26) from the below list. ... Here's an updated look at *BA's* list of the nation's top pitching tandems, sorted by combined ERA (heading into this week's action):

PITCHERS, SCHOOL (NATIONAL ERA RANK)	W-L	ERA	IP	ER	Ks (K/9 IP)	BB (BB/9 IP)	K/BB	H (H/9 IP)
Justin Pope (5)/Jason Arnold (20), Central Florida	23-3	1.65	196.2	36	247 (11.30)	47 (2.15)	5.26	143 (6.54)
Mark Prior (2)/Ric Currier, USC	21-2	1.76	184.0	36	232 (11.35)	41 (2.01)	5.66	136 (6.65)
<b>Aaron Heilman (6)/Danny Tamayo (26), ND</b>	<b>19-1.79</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>169 (8.63)</b>	<b>37 (1.89)</b>	<b>4.57</b>	<b>115 (5.87)</b>	
Kenny Baugh (8)/Jon Skaggs, Rice	18-4	2.01	188.1	42	201 (9.61)	78 (3.73)	2.58	135 (6.45)
Daniel Haren (48)/Noah Lowry (10), Pepperdine	21-3	2.03	203.2	46	200 (8.39)	62 (2.74)	3.23	159 (7.03)
Jon Smith/Kirk Saarloos (17), Cal State Fullerton	21-3	2.29	196.2	50	186 (8.51)	51 (2.33)	3.65	146 (6.68)
Jeremy Guthrie (44)/Jeffrey Bruksch, Stanford	16-6	2.65	193.1	57	182 (8.47)	55 (2.56)	3.31	156 (7.26)

#### ND's BIG EAST PITCHING STATISTICAL LEADERS

##### Senior RHP Aaron Heilman

- 1st in ERA..... 1.42
- 1st in BIG EAST ERA ..... 1.24
- 1st in wins ..... 12-0
- 1st in BIG EAST wins ..... 7-0
- 1st in strikeouts.....86
- 1st in BIG EAST strikeouts .....51
- 1st in opponent batting average . .162
- 1st in BIG EAST opp. bat. avg.... .137
- Tied for 1st in shutouts..... 3
- Tied for 1st in BIG EAST shutouts ... 2
- 1st in complete games..... 9
- 1st in BIG EAST complete games ... 7
- 2nd in innings pitched..... 89.0
- 6th in BIG EAST innings ..... 251.0

##### Senior RHP Danny Tamayo

- 1st in BIG EAST strikeouts .....51
- Tied for 1st in shutouts..... 3
- Tied for 1st in BIG EAST shutouts ... 2
- 2nd in ERA..... 2.16
- 3rd in wins..... 7-1
- 3rd in BIG EAST wins ..... 5-0
- 3rd in strikeouts ..... 84
- 3rd in innings pitched..... 87.1
- 3rd in BIG EAST innings..... 52.2
- 4th in opponent batting avg. .... .208
- 4th in BIG EAST ERA..... 2.22
- 6th in complete games..... 4
- 7th in BIG EAST opp. bat. avg.... .226

##### Sophomore RHP Matt Laird

- 7th in saves.....4
- 8th in appearances .....19

##### Sophomore RHP J.P. Gagne

- 3rd in BIG EAST wins ..... 5-2
- 9th in BIG EAST opp. bat. avg.... .245

**DOUBLE (HEADER) TROUBLE** – Heilman and Tamayo have teamed up on six BIG EAST doubleheaders this season, sparked by a pair of 3-0 shutouts at Pittsburgh on March 23 (Tamayo started the opener that day, with Heilman opening every other series; J.P. Gagne threw game 2 at Rutgers so he could come back the next Thursday vs. Georgetown) ... Heilman and Tamayo's combined stats in BIG EAST doubleheaders this season: 11-0, 1.36 ERA, 89.2 IP, 9 complete games, 4 shutouts, 92 Ks, 18 walks, 55 hits and a .178 opponent batting avg.—plus a 79-21 combined scoring edge for the Irish ... in their six doubleheaders, Heilman (11-for-60, .183) and Tamayo (8-for-74, .108) have combined to allow just .142 batting from lefthanded hitters ... they also have beared down big-time with runners on base, allowing just 15-for-100 batting (.150) with runners on during those 6 DHs (Heilman is 3-for-48/.063, Tamayo 12-for-52/.231) ... they likewise have an impressive .160 (16-for-100) opp. 2-out batting avg. in the 6 DHs (Tamayo .167, Heilman .152) ... their 9-inning combined averages in the 6 DHs: 5.5 hits, 9.2 Ks, 1.8 walks, 10.9 groundouts and 33.8 batters faced ... their individual stat lines from the first five DHs are nearly identical and now are:

**Heilman** - 6-0, 1.02 ERA, 44 IP, 45 Ks, 14 BB, 20 H, .139 opp. avg.

**Tamayo** - 5-0, 1.97 ERA, 45.2 IP, 47 Ks, 4 BB, 35 H, .212 opp. avg.

\* Here's how their individual and combined stats shake out for the entire season:

**HEILMAN** – 12-0, 1.42 ERA, 12 GS, 9 CG, 3 solo shutouts, 89 IP, 50 H, 14 ER, 24 BB, 86 Ks (3.6 K/BB), 9 2B, 2 HR, .162 opp. avg. (.210 slugging), 7 WP, 9 HB, 117 groundouts, 349 BF

**TAMAYO** – 7-1, 2.16 ERA, 12 GS, 4 CG, 3 solo shutouts, 87.1 IP, 65 H, 21 ER, 13 BB, 83 Ks (6.4 K/BB), 8 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR, .208 opp. avg. (.265 slugging), 3 WP, 2 HB, 92 groundouts, 336 BF

**Combined** – 19-1, 1.79 ERA, 24 GS, 13 GC, 6 shutouts, 176.1 IP, 115 H, 37 BB, 169 Ks (4.6 K/BB), 17 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, .185 opp. avg. (.238 slug.), 10 WP, 11 HB, 209 groundouts, 685 BF

**Combined 9-inning Averages:** 5.9 H, 1.9 BB, 8.6 Ks, 10.7 groundouts, 35.60 batters faced

##### Situationally

**HEILMAN** – .168 opp. batting by lefties, .135 batting with runners on, .147 with 2 outs

**TAMAYO** – .138 opp. batting by lefties, .243 batting with runners on, .156 with 2 outs

**Combined** – .142 opp. batting by lefties, .188 batting with runners on, .152 with 2 outs

**DREAMING ABOUT 10-0 (AND BEYOND)** – Aaron Heilman's 4-1 win over West Virginia made him just the fifth ND pitcher (and second since 1924) ever to start a season 9-0, joining Frank "Dreams" Scanlan (10-0 in 1908), Bill Ryan (9-0 in 1910, lost next game), Hugh Mageveney (9-0 in 1924) and Tim Kraus (9-0 in 1994) in that distinction ... Heilman then beat Villanova (7-1) to join Scanlan as the only ND pitchers ever to win their first 10 decisions in a season and became ND's first-ever 11-0 pitcher after winning at St. John's (3-2), followed by the 6-1 win over UConn ... as a junior, Heilman also tied Scanlan's record for single-season by winning 10 straight 2000 games after losing on the first weekend (5-4 to Ohio State), a record that Heilman now owns by himself with 12 straight wins ... Ryan nearly ended the 1910 season with a 10-0 record, but he was the losing pitcher in an 18-inning loss to Michigan in the season finale (3-2) ... Heilman's huge 8-2 win at Rutgers on April 7 made him just the 10th ND pitcher (third since '28) ever to start a season 8-0, with the others including the above four plus: Samuel O'Gorman (1906), Herbert Kelly and March Forth Wells (both 1912), Ed Walsh (8-0 in 1928, finished 8-2) and Stan Konopka (8-0 in 1953; lost next game to Michigan State, 5-4, and finished 9-1).

**BETTER GET TO HIM EARLY** – Aaron Heilman has allowed just two earned run during the 5th-7th innings this season (34 IP), with the equivalent of a 3.58 ERA in those innings plus 37 Ks, just 7 walks and a .137 opp. batting avg. (16-for-117). ... **DIFFERENT STORY** – Prior to last week, Danny Tamayo had been virtually untouchable in the first four innings this season, now allowing 10 runs (six by UConn) in those 48 IP (the equivalent of an 1.88 ERA), plus 52 Ks, just 9 walks and a .198 opp. batting avg. (33-for-167) ... in his first 12 starts, Tamayo has yet to allow a run or a walk in the 1st inning while posting 14 Ks and a .128 opp. avg. (5-for-39).

**NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE YARD** – Heilman has allowed just 12 home runs (two in 2001, to match Tamayo—with both giving one up vs. Villanova) in 369 career innings pitched ... that factors out to 115 opponent at-bats and nearly 31 innings pitched per HR allowed by Heilman in his career.

**HEILMAN ONE OF 20 SEMIFINALISTS FOR HOWSER AWARD** – ND senior RHP Aaron Heilman (Logansport, Ind.) has been named one of 20 semifinalists for the 2001 Dick Howser Trophy, a player-of-the-year award presented by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association ... Heilman (12-0, 1.42 ERA) was one of seven pitchers on the list, the others: Rice's Kenny Baugh, Devon Brazelton of Middle Tennessee St., Stanford's Jeff Bruksch, BYU's Nate Fernley, USC's Mark Prior and Cal St. Fullerton's Kirk Saarloos ... the others included two catchers—ASU's Casey Myers and Baylor's Kelly Shappach—and six infielders: Clemson 3B Jeff Baker, Tennessee SS Chris Burke, Tulane 3B Jake Gautreau, Nebraska 1B Dan Johnson, Ga. Tech 2B Richard Lewis and Memphis 2B Daniel Ugglaplus Ken State DH John Vanbenschoten and four OFs: UCLA's Brian Baron, Stetson's Frank Corr, Florida State's John Ford-Griffin and Wake Forest's Cory Sullivan ... Heilman enters the final week of the regular season in stride with Prior and Central Florida's Justin Pope as the only pitchers in the nation with 12-plus wins and an ERA under 1.5 ... Heilman and Michael Rogers of Oral Roberts (also 12-0) sit atop the NCAA charts for season winning pct. while just five others have 12-plus wins: Pepperdine's Noah Lowry (13-1), Prior (12-1), Pope (12-1), BYU's Nate Fernley (12-2) and Saarloos (12-2) ... Heilman's 2.47 career ERA ranks 2nd in ND history and best in the aluminum bat era (Nick Palihnich had a 2.36 in 149 IP from 1959-61; Heilman has 368.2 IP) ... his 1.42 season ERA ranks 5th in ND history, 2nd-best since 1962 (David Sinnes had a 1.05 in 1990) ... Heilman has allowed opponents just a .162 batting avg. this season (best at ND since stat first kept in 1991) while his career opponent batting avg. is .199.

**FRESHMAN-YEAR FLASHBACK** – Heilman could become the first Div. I player to lead the nation in ERA twice (he did so as a freshman closer, with 1.61 in 1998), since the NCAA began tracking national ERA leaders in '57 ... Heilman (1.42) is 6th in this week's rankings, behind SE Missouri's Todd Pennington (0.86), USC's Mark Prior (1.07), Maine's Rusty Tucker (1.09), Middle Tennessee's Devon Brazelton (1.25) and UCF's Justin Pope (1.39) ... if it would mark the third time in the last four years that a player from a BIG EAST school topped the ERA charts (BC's Steve Langone had a 1.54 in 2000).

**40-400 A RARE BREED** – Heilman's final two outs of the UConn win clinched the BIG EAST regular-season title while landing the All-American on 40 career wins and 400 Ks in dramatic fashion ... he is one of three pitchers to reach the joint milestones since schedule limits were imposed in 1990 ... here's the current 40-400 list (Heilman has the 4th best win pct. and 5th-best K/9 IP among the 14 members of the 40-4000 club):

<b>Aaron Heilman, ND ('98- )</b>	<b>40-7 (.851)</b>	<b>400 Ks (368 IP)</b>	<b>9.78 Ks/9 IP</b>	Mike Loynd, Florida State ('83-'86)	45-10 (.818)	417 Ks (395.1 IP)	9.49 Ks/9 IP
Kip Bouknight, S. Carolina ('98- )	43-10 (.811)	431 Ks (448 IP)	8.66 Ks/9 IP	John Hoover, Fresno St. ('81-'84)	44-17 (.721)	411 Ks (494 IP)	7.49 Ks/9 IP
John Powell, Auburn ('90-'94)	43-20 (.683)	602 Ks (477 IP)	11.36 Ks/9 IP	Derek Tatsuno, Hawaii ('77-'79)	40-6 (.870)	541 Ks (402.1 IP)	12.10 Ks/9 IP
Doug Creek, Ga. Tech ('88-'91)	41-19 (.683)	458 Ks (472 IP)	8.73 Ks/9 IP	Richard Wortham, Texas ('73-'76)	50-7 (.877)	481 Ks (456.2 IP)	9.48 Ks/9 IP
Kirk Dressendorfer, Texas ('88-'90)	45-8 (.849)	462 Ks (429.2 IP)	9.68 Ks/9 IP	Eddie Bane, Arizona St. ('71-'73)	40-4 (.909)	505 Ks (379.1 IP)	11.98 Ks/9 IP
Brian Barnes, Clemson ('86-'89)	44-10 (.815)	513 Ks (475.1 IP)	9.71 Ks/9 IP	Craig Swan, Arizona St. ('69-'72)	47-9 (.839)	459 Ks (457.2 IP)	9.03 Ks/9 IP
Greg Swindell, Texas ('84-'86)	43-8 (.843)	501 Ks (440 IP)	10.25 Ks/9 IP	Rich Troedson, Santa Clara ('69-'72)	40-12 (.769)	445 Ks (437 IP)	9.17 Ks/9 IP

**HE LOVES THE ROAD** – Heilman has posted some impressive stats outside the friendly confines of Eck Stadium, with a 23-3 career record away from home (including neutral sites) ... Heilman's career road numbers are better than his equally-impressive home numbers in each of the following: winning pct. (.885 road, .810 home), ERA (2.12, 2.91), hits/9 IP (6.5, 7.0) and BB/9 IP (2.3, 3.0) ... Heilman has averaged more Ks at home (10.3) than on the road (9.4) while averaging nearly 32.1 IP per home run allowed at home (29.7 on the road) ... Heilman's road numbers in 2001—highlighted by BIG EAST wins at Pittsburgh, Rutgers and St. John's—include an 8-0 record and 1.62 ERA, plus 57 Ks, 15 BB and 35 H in 61 IP ... Heilman has won his last 15 decisions away from home—dating back to the 5-4 loss to Ohio State on Feb. 25, 2000, at the Service Academies Classic in Millington, Tenn. ... his other road losses came vs. Rutgers in the '98 BIG EAST Tournament and at Fla. Int'l on the opening weekend of '99 ... Heilman has made 21 career appearances (13 starts) on the opponent's field (94 IP, 22 ER), with a 12-1 record, five saves and 2.11 ERA in those games—plus 115 Ks (10.7/9 IP), 31 walks (3.0) and 74 hits allowed (7.1).

**Heilman On The Road** *Nine-Inning Averages: 6.5 hits, 2.3 walks, 9.4 Ks ... 29.7 IP per HR*

Yr.	GP	GS	IP	H	ER	BB	K	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
'98	15	0	24.2	14	3	5	22	2	3-1	7	1.10
'99	10	6	47.0	38	12	12	51	1	5-1	2	2.30
'00	12	10	75.1	64	23	22	87	3	7-1	0	2.75
'01	8	8	61.0	35	11	15	57	1	8-0	0	1.62
<b>Tot.</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>208.0</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.12</b>

**Heilman At Home** *Nine-Inning Averages: 7.0 hits, 3.0 walks, 10.3 Ks ... 32.1 IP per HR*

GP	GS	IP	H	ER	BB	K	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
35	17	160.2	124	52	53	183	5	17-4	3	2.91

**DOUBLE-DIGITS CUBED** – Heilman is the first ND pitched to post double-digit win totals in three seasons, going 11-2 in 1999, 10-2 in 2000 and currently 12-0 in 2001 ... Tom Price (12-2 in '93, 14-5 in '94) is the only other ND pitcher to reach 10-plus wins in multiple seasons ... Heilman last week joined Price as the only Irish hurlers ever to reach 12 wins in a season.

**GO THE DISTANCE** – Heilman has turned in eight straight complete games: 9 innings vs. Illinois and Pittsburgh before closing out 7-inning games vs. SHU, Rutgers, WVU, Villanova, St. John's and UConn ... he opened 2001 on a shorter pitch count vs. Mississippi St. and Texas-San Antonio (6 IP vs. each) but essentially has pitched one inning under the maximum (78) during the course of the last 10 games (with 9 IP vs. FAU, 8 at UOP) ... Heilman (9) is the 6th ND pitcher—and 4th since 1910—to post nine-plus complete games in one season ... his 23 complete games are good for 3rd in the ND record book behind Tom Price (24, '91-'94) and Norwood Gibson (28, 1896-1900).

**OWNER OF THE BE RECORD BOOK:** Heilman's 10-2 win at Rutgers on April 7 ended his personal struggles vs. the Knights (his two previous outings vs. RU yielded two losses, a 7.56 ERA and 11 hits allowed in 8.1 IP) while also pushing his career record in BIG EAST regular-season games to 18-4 (now 22-4)—besting the record held by former Providence hurler Todd Incantalupo ('95-'97; 17-4) ... Heilman had six Ks in that RU game and—after adding his first two of five the next week vs. West Virginia—became the BIG EAST all-time leader for Ks in BE games ... the previous record was held by former Seton Hall ace and current Florida Marlin Jason Grilli (164 Ks in 143.2 IP, '95-'97) ... Heilman's record K total now stands at 194 (in 181 IP; or 9.65 Ks/9 IP) ... Heilman also now owns the BIG EAST record for career complete games (17, besting Incantalupo's 15) while his 2.45 career ERA in BIG EAST games ranks 5th among pitchers with 70-plus IP (he has 176.1) ... his ERA is 2nd-best among that group since 1990 and is tops since current major leaguer C.J. Nitkowski posted a 1.93 in 102.2 IP with St. John's in 1993 and '94 (Heilman's career ERA is best among any BIG EAST pitcher with more than 105 career IP).

**THERE'S MORE:** Heilman's current 1.24 ERA in BIG EAST games puts him in the running to best the BIG EAST record currently held by former Seton Hall pitcher Kevin Morton, who posted an 0.92 in 49 IP during the 1989 season ... Heilman also has tied the BIG EAST record for complete games in a season (7), shared by three former BE hurlers ... finally, by winning at BC, Heilman (7-0) would tie the league record for wins in season (Chris Enochs won eight BIG EAST games for West Virginia in 1997 and Marc DesRoches did it for Providence in '99).

**SHUTOUT CITY:** Heilman's 3-0 shutouts vs. FAU and Pitt and his 6-0 blanking of Seton Hall give him six career shutouts, the 5th ND pitcher ever to post six-plus shutouts while joining current Toronto Blue Jays starter Chris Michalak (7; '90-'93) as the only Irish pitchers in 87 years that have reached a half-dozen shutouts ... Herb Kelly shut out six opponents from 1912-14 while Michalak currently shares the record of seven shutouts with former teammates Jean Dubuc (1907-08) and Frank "Dreams" Scanlan ('07-'09) ... Heilman's other career shutouts came in back-to-back years vs. Villanova, at Richie Ashburn Park in downtown Philadelphia (4-0 in '99 and 2000), plus a 7-0 home win over Pitt in 2000 ... he tossed the final five innings for a shared shutout in the near no-hitter vs. the Miami Hurricanes on May 12, 1999, at Eck Stadium (1-0) ... Heilman became the 9th ND pitcher ever to post three-plus shutouts in one season (Danny Tamayo became the 10th this year at SJU) and the first to do so since Michalak also had three in 1992 ... Billy Burke (5, 1909) has held the ND single-season shutout record for 92 years while Dubuc (4, 1908) has been firmly entrenched in the 2nd spot on that record-book entry.

## AARON HEILMAN NOTES

### Breaking Down Aaron Heilman's 40 Career Starts

Innings Pitched	Gms (2000/01)
4.2	1 (0/0)
5.0	1 (1/0)
5.2	2 (1/0)
6.0	4 (2/2)
6.1	2 (1/0)
6.2	1 (0/0)
7.0	16 (5/6)
7.1	2 (0/0)
8.0	4 (2/1)
9.0	6 (1/3)
10.0	1 (1/0)
<b>Avg Start (287.1 IP)</b>	<b>7.18 IP</b>
(includes 14 seven-inning CGs)	

Earned Runs	Gms (2000/01)
0	10 (5/3)
1	8 (0/5)
2	6 (2/3)
3	7 (3/1)
4	3 (1/0)
5	1 (1/0)
6	4 (1/0)
7	1 (1/0)
<b>ERA As Starter (89 ER)</b>	<b>2.79</b>

Hits Allowed	Gms (2000/01)
1	1 (1/0)
2	3 (1/1)
3	7 (0/3)
4	7 (2/4)
5	6 (1/2)
6	4 (2/1)
7	4 (2/1)
8	5 (4/0)
9	1 (0/0)
10	1 (0/0)
11	2 (1/0)
13	1 (0/0)
<b>Hits All./9 IP As St. (226)</b>	<b>7.08</b>

Walks Allowed	Gms (2000/01)
0	6 (2/1)
1	12 (3/5)
2	9 (5/2)
3	5 (2/3)
4	3 (0/1)
5	3 (2/0)
6	2 (0/0)
<b>Walks All./9 IP As St. (84)</b>	<b>2.63</b>

Strikeouts	Gms (2000/01)
4	3 (0/0)
5	7 (5/2)
6	6 (2/3)
7	3 (0/1)
8	10 (2/4)
9	5 (2/1)
10	2 (0/1)
11	2 (1/0)
12	1 (1/0)
18	1 (1/0)
<b>Ks/9 IP As Starter (301)</b>	<b>9.43</b>

Note: Does not include a two-inning start as part of a planned rotation.

**KING K** – When Aaron Heilman left the mound at Dudy Noble Field at the 2000 NCAA Starkville Regional, his 314 career strikeouts left him one shy of tying the ND record (315), set by David Sinnes ('93) ... Heilman returned to Dudy Noble in the first week of 2001 and claimed the record with a 6-K outing vs. host Mississippi St. (he now has 400 Ks in 368.2 IP) ... Heilman also owns the top season K totals in ND history, posting 118 in both 1999 and 2000.

**BIG-TIME RATIO** – Heilman's 2001 stats include a strikeout-to-walk ratio of better than 3.5-to-1 (86/24), with his career ratio at 3.74-to-1 (400/107).

**BORN WINNER** – Heilman (40-7) ranks as ND's winningest pitcher in 77 years, as his .851 career winning pct. stands 4th in the Irish record book and best since Hugh Mageveney's 18-3 record (.857) from '22-'24 ... among pitchers with at least 25 decisions, Heilman is the winningest hurler in ND history ... Heilman's win in the opening week over Mississippi St. moved him out of a tie on the winning pct. list with '93 graduate David Sinnes (32-8) and '94 grad. Tom Price (40-10) ... he has won 22 of his last 23 decisions, with the lone loss coming to BIG EAST rival Rutgers (10-2) on May 13, 2000.

**A LOOK BACK** – Heilman's 2000 season included a 10-2 record, 3.21 ERA, 118 Ks and 29 walks in 103.2 IP ... the 6-5, 225-pound righthander is one of just four *Baseball America* 2001 preseason All-Americans (among 15 spread across three teams) who posted 10-plus wins, 100-plus Ks and an ERA of 3.30 or lower in 2000 ... the others: Stetson's Lenny DiNardo, South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (2nd team) and Rice's Kenny Baugh (3rd team).

**WHO'S THE BEST?** – ND's Aaron Heilman joined Middle Tennessee St. junior RHP Dewon Brazleton and Stetson senior LHP Lenny Dinardo as the only 2001 pitchers tabbed preseason first team All-America by both *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* ... Heilman and DiNardo were teammates on the 1999 USA Baseball national team.

**FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS** – Heilman is well on his way to posting the fourth All-America season of his career, which would place him among an elite group of ND student-athletes (he already is the first Irish baseball player to be a three-year All-American) ... just 16 previous ND student-athletes have been four-year All-Americans, with four coming from team-oriented sports: men's basketball's **Kevin O'Shea** ('50) and women's soccer's **Holly Manthei** ('98), **Jen Grubb** ('99) and **Anne Makinen** ('00) ... others include cross country's Oliver Hunter ('43) and Mike McWilliams ('93), plus men's fencers Mike Sullivan ('79), Charles Higgs-Coulthard ('87), Yehuda Kovacs ('89), Leszek Nowosielski ('91), Jeremy Siek ('97) and Luke LaValle ('99) and women's fencers Molly Sullivan ('88), Myriah Brown ('99), Sarah Walsh ('99) and Magda Krol ('97-'00).

**#22 BY THE NUMBERS** – Aaron Heilman's previous 40 college starts have yielded 32 wins, four losses and a 2.79 ERA—plus 9-inning averages as a started of 9.43 Ks, 2.63 BBs and 7.08 hits allowed ... Heilman's average start has lasted 7.2 innings, including 14 seven-inning complete games (36 of his 40 starts have gone at least six innings) ... he has allowed more than four earned runs as a starter just six times while allowing more than eight hits in just five of his starts ... Heilman has walked more than four batters in just five of his starts while posting 8-plus Ks in 20 of his starts.

### HEILMAN IN THE ND RECORD BOOK

<b>Career Strikeouts/9 IP</b>	(9.77)
<b>Career Strikeouts</b>	1st (400)
(old record—David Sinnes, 315, '90-'93)	
<b>Career Saves</b>	2nd (12)
<b>Career ERA</b>	2nd (2.47)
(record—Nick Palihnich, 2.36 in 149 IP, '59-'61)	
<b>Career Wins</b>	T-1st (40-7)
(old record—Tom Price, 40-10, '91-'94)	
<b>Career Winning Percentage</b>	4th (.851)
<b>Career Appearances</b>	2nd (80)
(record—Chris Michalak, 92, '90-'93)	
<b>Career Innings Pitched</b>	3rd (368.2)
(record—Tom Price, 390.0, '91-'94)	

<b>Season Strikeouts</b>	1st (118, '99 and '00)
<b>Season Saves</b>	2nd (9, '98)
<b>Season Low Opp. Batting Avg.</b>	1st (.162, '01)
.....3rd (.198, '98)	
.....7th (.217, '99)	
<b>Season Wins</b>	2nd (12-0, '01)
.....4th (11-2, '99)	
.....8th (10-2, '00)	
<b>Season Innings Pitched</b>	5th (109, '99)
.....7th (103.2, '00)	
<b>Season Complete Games</b>	6th (9, '01)
.....7th (8, '00)	
<b>Season ERA</b>	6th (1.42, '01)
.....8th (1.61, '99)	
<b>Strikeouts in a Game</b>	2nd (18, 10 IP)
.....at West Virginia; April 15, 2000	
<b>Consecutive Wins (Season)</b>	1st (12, '01)
.....T-2nd (10, '00)	

**TOP TOOLS** – *Baseball America's* annual college preview edition cited Aaron Heilman for having college baseball's "best pure slider" and listed him as one of three pitchers in college baseball with the "best command" of his pitches (the others: South Carolina's Kip Bouknight, Rice's Kenny Baugh).

**EIGHT(EEN) Ks IS ENOUGH** – Heilman tied a BIG EAST record and came just shy of the ND record with 18 strikeouts in a 3-1, 10-inning win at West Virginia on April 15, 2000 (scheduled for seven inn.) ... he seemingly became stronger as the game wore on, spotting his tough slider with regularity while delivering a fastball that still touched 91 mph in the lategoing ... he retired 15 straight from the 5th-10th and K'd 10 of the final 12 he faced, including seven straight before a 2-out single with in the 10th ... Kevin Olkowski—who had two of WVU'S six hits—then went down swinging on three pitches ... the 18 Ks tied the BIG EAST record set by Seton Hall's Jason Grilli in a 7-2 win over UConn in '97 (Grilli was the 4th pick in the '97 draft, by the S.F. Giants) ... Frank Carpin is the only other Irish pitcher ever to record 18-plus Ks, with 19 in a 10-inn. win over Indiana on April 16, 1958 (12-10) ... Heilman's day included 2 BB, 11 groundball outs and a flyout ... all nine WVU starters—plus reserve Matt McGee—were K victims.

**EIGHT IS ENOUGH, TOO** – Heilman has notched 8-plus Ks in 21 career games, including this season vs. Texas-San Antonio, Pitt, Villanova and St. John's and nine vs. Florida Atlantic (his 10th career game with 9-plus) and 10th vs. UConn ... ND pitchers are known to have posted 10-plus Ks in 46 all-time games, with Heilman (6) and fellow senior RHP **Danny Tamayo** (4, all 10 Ks and all in 2001) accounting for 1/5th ... another recent Irish pitcher—lefty Tim Kalita ('96-'98)—reached double-digit Ks four times (all 10) and no other Irish pitcher has more than two ... Heilman (4) and Ed Ruelbach (2) are the only ND pitchers ever to eclipse 10 Ks in multiple games ... Ruelbach had a pair of 16-K games in 1904 and went on to play in the 1907 and '08 World Series with the Chicago Cubs.





## NOTRE DAME-BC CAREER HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

### vs. Heilman

•Mendoza	3-for-7, 2 BB, 2 K, 2 RBI, 2 R (1B-6, RBI, 1B-RS, R, 1B-8, RBI, 6-3, IBB, KS, KS, BB, R, F-9)
• Kealty	2-for-5, BB, RBI, 2 K (4-3, BB, KL, KL, 1B-MI, FC, F-7/SF, RBI)
• Mackor	1-for-2, BB, R (BB, 6-3, 1B-RS, R)
• Hubbard	1-for-6, BB, 2 K, R (KS, BB, R, 6-3, 1B-LS, KS (BU), 5-3, 4-3)
• Rosado	1-for-1 (1B-RS), R

### vs. Tamayo

• Mendoza	0-for-3, K (KS, 4-3, FC)
• Kealty	1-for-2, BB, K, 2 RBI (BB, 1B-RL, RBI, KS, F-7/SF, RBI)
• Mackor	1-for-2, BB, K, R (KS, 1B-LS, BB, R)
• Hubbard	1-for-3, K, R (2B-LL, R, F-7, KL)

### vs. Gagne

• Mendoza	1-for-6, 3 K (KS, P-6, P-6, KS, 1B-9, KS)
• Kealty	2-for-5, BB (1B-8, 6-3, E5T, 1B-MI, F-8, BB)
• Mackor	1-for-4, BB (1B-6, BB, P-6, F-8, FC)
• Hubbard	1-for-5, K, R (FC, 4-3, 1B-RS, KL, 2B-7, R)

### vs. Naumann

• Mendoza	1-for-3 (1B-RS, 3-1, 6-3)
• Kealty	1-for-3, RBI (1-3, KS, 1B-MI, RBI)
• Mackor	2B-9
• Hubbard	F-8, 4-3
• Rosado	E5D

### vs. Buchmeier

• Mendoza	6-3, F-8/SF, RBI, 1-3
• Kealty	3U, F-7
• Mackor	1B-LS
• Hubbard	5-3/SAC, 1B-MI, R

### vs. Duff

• Mendoza	BB
• Kealty	L-6
• Hubbard	BB, BB
• Mackor	KS, SB

### vs. Mark Sullivan

Stavisky	0-for-2 (4-3, 4-3)
Strickroth	0-for-3 (5-3, 5-3, FF-3)
O'Toole	2-for-2, HR, 2 RBI (HR-9, RBI, R, 1B-RC, RBI, R)
Stanley	1-for-2, K, R (KL, 1B-8, R)
Porzel	P-4, F-9
Bushey	4-3
Bok	BB
Cooke	6-3

### vs. Eric Olson

Stavisky	1-for-2, BB, RBI (3-1, BB, RBI, 1B-MI)
O'Toole	FF5, 3-1
Stanley	1-for-2, BB, R (2B-LL, R, BB, F-7)
Porzel	0-for-2, 2 BB (F-9, BB, F-8, BB)
Bushey	BB, R, FC, RBI
Bok	BB, FC
Cooke	6-3, 2B-9

### vs. Matt Elfeldt

Stavisky	2B-RL, R
O'Toole	HP, R, HR-9, 2 RBI, R
Stanley	F-8
Porzel	1B-LS, RBI, R
Bushey	BB
Bok	BB

**NCAA ERA LEADERS** – ND entered last week with the nation's top ERA for the 3rd straight week and now ranks 4th (2.97), led by the senior RHP duo of **Aaron Heilman** (1.42, 6th in nation) and **Danny Tamayo** (2.16, 26th) ... ND (43-8-1; .837) also entered the week with the nation's 2nd-best winning pct., right behind Tulane's 42-8 (.840).

**AHHHHH, BOK!** – Junior DH **Matt Bok** has been music to ND's ears during recent weeks, with a .341 batting average during BIG EAST games ... Bok, who is batting .300 overall, also has shown some gap power and hustle on the bases—with a .500 season slugging pct. ... Bok's four triples tie him for first among all BIG EAST players.

**SCORING STREAK** – By scoring vs. Navy on March 12, Notre Dame set the team record for consecutive games with at least one run scored (134), dating back to a 12-0 loss at Florida International on Feb. 21, 1999 (the streak **now stands at 174** games) ... ND set the previous record by scoring in the each of the first 133 games of the Paul Mainieri era (Feb. 24, 1995-March 9, 1997) and has scored in of 415 of 420 total games during the Mainieri era (98.81 percent) ... the Irish have been shut out at Eck Stadium just once in 198 games during the Mainieri era (3-0 by St. John's on May 9, 1998), with ND playing **82 consecutive home games without being shut out**.

**PAYBACKS** – ND is 17-2 this season vs. teams it lost to in 2000, with wins over Mississippi St. (2-0), Pittsburgh (2-0), Rutgers (3-0), West Virginia (2-0), Villanova (3-0), St. John's (3-0) and UConn (2-1) and a 7-6 loss to Western Michigan ... the Irish—who won their first 15 "pay-back games" this season—still can avenge 2000 losses to BC (3) but were rained out vs. Purdue ... the only other teams that beat ND during the 46-18 season of 2000 were Ohio State, Minnesota, North Florida, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Northwestern.

**KEEP ON CRANKING** – Freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** has seen his season average dip to .379 (4-for-24 in last 7 games), after spending a full month above .400 ... Sollmann is very familiar with the last Irish player to hit .400-plus, as his brother Scott hit .402 in '94 and .405 in '95 ... Sollmann's 1-for-5 effort vs. Central Michigan on April 19 dropped his average under .400 for the first time since March 14—when a 2-for-4 game at Fresno State had raised his average from .372 to .381 ... the next day, he batted 3-for-4 and jumped to .412 ... Sollmann's highest season avg. (at the end of a game) was .444 on April 7, after batting 3-for-4 in the first win at Rutgers (he then batted .265, or 9-for-34, after hitting that high-water mark) ... the Irish record for batting average by a freshman is .429, by future All-American Eric Danapilis in 1990.

**UP THE MIDDLE** – The three central players for ND's defense are the only Irish players to start all 52 games this season, with each doing so at the same position: senior SS **Alec Porzel**, freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** and junior CF **Steve Stanley** ... sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier** was the only other ND player to appear in the first 51 games this season (with 50 starts) before missing the UConn series finale due to his back injury.

**NO PIANO ON HIS BACK** – Junior C **Paul O'Toole** (18 HR, 40 SB, 162 GP) has a chance to join teammate Alec Porzel as the only members in ND's "30-30" club ... O'Toole already holds the ND record for career stolen bases by a catcher and already ranks 7th on the ND career steals list.

**DON'T RUB IT** – Sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier** (7) and junior C **Paul O'Toole** (8) have accounted for half of the times that ND batters have been hit by pitches this season (the rest of the team has 15).

**HE KEEPS GOING ... AND GOING** – Junior CF **Steve Stanley** has moved into 3rd place in the ND career stolen bases list ... the top two on the list are Scott Sollmann (101, '94-'96) and Pat Pesavento (94; '86-'89) ... Stanley has been caught stealing just six times this season (29-for-35, .829) and is 82-for-107 in his career (.766; 24-for-32 in 1999, 29-for-40 in 2000).

**BUSTING OUT** –Despite major early-season struggles with scoring 1st and 2nd-inning runs, the Irish stunningly now hold a 49-8 season scoring edge in the 1st inning (23-17 in the 2nd) ... much of that 1st-inning domination has come in BIG EAST play, with ND pushing across 33 runs in the 1st inning of 23 league games while allowing just one ... the Irish scored just three 1st-inning runs in the first 13 games of the season before plating two in the 9-5 win over Illinois ... prior to the March 31 Seton Hall DH, the Irish still had managed just eight 1st-inning runs in 24 games before scoring five in the DH with the Pirates ... ND's highest-scoring 1st inning of 2001 came in a big game and helped secure momentum in the sweep at Rutgers, with ND scoring five times in the 1st inning of the second game of that series en route to an 8-2 win.

**FAR & WIDE** –The ND list of all-time baseball monogram winners includes players from 43 home states ... current sophomore RHP **Brandon Vilorio** (Wailuku, Hawaii) in 2000 became the first Irish baseball letterwinner from the island state while current freshman LHP **Cody Wilkins** (Hudson, N.C.) could become the first from the Tar Heel state ... the only other states that have not produced ND baseball letterwinners include: Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont.

**WIN STREAK HITS 16** – ND pushed its winning streak to 16 games during a three-week stretch in April—matching the 3rd-longest single-season streak in the program's history, behind an 18-game run in 1991 and a 17-game winning streak by the 1907 team (as part of a 21-game overall streak from 1906-07) ... the 2001 ND squad also became the quickest Irish team ever to reach the 30-win plateau, opening 30-5-1 (the '90, '94, '99 and 2000 teams all started 30-9) ... the longest previous winning streak of the Paul Mainieri era (since '95) was a 13-game run from April 8-23, 1999 while the 16-game streak matched a late-season run by the 1988 ND team.

**HITTING STREAKS** –Senior SS **Alec Porzel** and junior DH **Ken Meyer** both carry 7-game hitting streaks into the BC series ... five Irish players have posted double-digit hitting streaks this season, led by junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (13) and freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** (12) and three who have turned in 10-game streaks: junior CF **Steve Stanley**, freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** and senior SS **Alec Porzel**.

**STATS ON PACE** –ND is on pace to challenge several team records (based on 64 GP):

- \* Doubles (122) – 150 pace ..... (record - 131, 2000)
- \* ERA - 2.97 .....(record - 2.60 in '57, '60)
- \* Pitchers K/BB - 2.73 ..... (record - 2.50 in '00)
- \* Pitchers BB/9 IP - 2.55 ..... (record -2.82 in '94)
- \* Wild Pitches/Gm - 0.46 ..... (record - .39 in '93)
- \* Fielding Pct. - .962..... (rec.-.965; '82, '92, '00)

**A CASE FOR THE DEFENSE** – Despite recent defensive dropoffs, ND's defensive effort continues to be led by just 11 errors from each from senior SS **Alec Porzel** and junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** and five by freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** ... the Irish have totaled just 76 errors (1.5/gm) ... ND has posted 13 error-free games, 20 with one error and just eight with more than two Es ... errors have led to just 35 unearned runs for the opponent ... ND has allowed a total of just 3.5 runs per nine innings (when including the unearned scores).

**SURGING** –Alec Porzel overcame a slow start to his final season by batting .403 (31-for-77) during last 20 games, yielding a .296 overall season average ... he ranks third nationally in doubles (25) while leading the team in 2-out RBI (19) and ranking second on the squad in total RBI (47) and third in runs scored (44) ... his 32 RBI in BIG EAST games lead the conference ... Porzel's .955 season fielding percentage (11 errors, 242 chances) is 36 points higher than his fielding pct. he posted as the Irish SS in 2000 (.919, 25 Es in 62 games played).

**LEFTSIDE LOCKDOWN** –Junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (11 E) and senior SS **Alec Porzel** (11) have combined to make just 22 errors this season ... sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier** (2 Es) continues to make defensive strides after converting from 2B late in the 2000 season ... roughly one-third of the team's errors (19) have been made by freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann**, a converted OF who nonetheless has made some sparkling plays and helped turn 18 of the team's 30 double plays as he adjusts to his new position ... freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** has just 5 Es (.990).

**30-30** –Senior SS **Alec Porzel** smacked what proved to be a valuable 2-run home run in the 9-8 win over Detroit on April 11 and in the process became the first ND player ever to reach 30 home runs (now 33) and 30 stolen bases (now 31) in his career, doing so in his 205th career game played ... junior C Paul O'Toole (18 HR, 38 SB, 159 GP) also has a shot at the 30-30 distinction.

## ND's BIG EAST OFFENSIVE STATISTICAL LEADERS

### Junior CF Steve Stanley

- 1st in runs scored ..... 63
- 1st in BIG EAST runs scored..... 34
- Tied for 1st in BIG EAST triples ..... 3
- 2nd in hits ..... 82
- 2nd in stolen bases..... 29
- 2nd in BIG EAST stolen bases .....11
- 3rd in batting average ..... .394
- 3rd in BIG EAST hits..... 34
- 3rd in BIG EAST on-base pct. .... 471
- 5th in BIG EAST batting average..... .386
- 6th in total bases..... 104
- 7th in BIG EAST walks ..... 14
- 8th in on-base percentage .....447

### Sophomore RF Brian Stavisky

- Tied for 1st in triples..... 4
- 2nd in RBI ..... 54
- 2nd in BIG EAST RBI ..... 27
- 2nd in on-base percentage ..... .465
- 5th in slugging percentage......608
- 5th in BIG EAST slugging pct. .... .617
- 5th in BIG EAST doubles..... 8
- 6th in batting average ..... .386
- 6th in total bases..... 104
- 6th in BIG EAST on-base pct.....453
- 8th in hits .....66

### Freshman 2B Steve Sollmann

- 3rd in BIG EAST runs scored ..... 23
- 4th in stolen bases..... 19
- 4th in runs scored ..... 46
- 6th in hits .....69
- 6th in on-base percentage .....449
- 9th in batting average ..... .373

### Senior SS Alec Porzel

- 1st in doubles..... 25
- 1st in BIG EAST doubles ..... 13
- 1st in BIG EAST RBI..... 32
- 2nd in BIG EAST total bases ..... 58
- 3rd in BIG EAST runs scored ..... 23
- 3rd in BIG EAST slugging pct. .... .652
- 4th in RBI.....47
- 5th in BIG EAST home runs .....4
- 6th in runs scored ..... 44
- 6th in total bases..... 104
- 6th in BIG EAST hits..... 34

### Junior 3B Andrew Bushey

- 2nd in BIG EAST doubles..... 9
- 3rd in BIG EAST batting average ..... .417
- 3rd in BIG EAST RBI ..... 25
- 6th in BIG EAST slugging pct. .... .597

### Junior C Paul O'Toole

- 8th in BIG EAST stolen bases ..... 7

### Sophomore LF Kris Billmaier

- 3rd in BIG EAST walks ..... 15

### Junior DH/OF Matt Bok

- Tied for 1st in triples..... 4

**BIG WINS IN THE BANK** – ND opened 2001 with a tough 7-6 loss to New Orleans at the National Bank of Commerce Classic before posting a pair of clutch wins over host Mississippi State (7-5, 4-2) ... the Bulldogs were ranked as high as 16th in the national polls and opened 0-2 for the first time since '96 while dropping consecutive home games for the first time since midway through '98, when Kentucky posted 3-2 and 12-9 wins over the Bulldogs ... for the first time in its 109-year history, ND opened on the road at the same ballpark where it ended the previous season (the Irish battled MSU in the championship game of the 2000 NCAA Starkville Regional before losing 10-9).

**WINDS OF CHANGE?** – The Starkville area was hit early Friday afternoon (Feb. 16) by a tornado that touched down on the MSU campus, causing several million dollars of damage while canceling Friday night's scheduled game between MSU and UNO ... the coincidence of ND's impending arrival (late Friday night) was not lost on the MSU fans, many of whom were in attendance during ND's game vs. Tulane in the 2000 NAAs (at Dudy Noble Field) that was halted for two hours-plus due to a passing tornado ... on their return trip to Starkville, the Irish had to overcome several logistical obstacles even before taking the field, including 10 hours of travel (South Bend-Chicago-Memphis-Starkville) that ended with an arrival at the team hotel shortly after midnight ... with some of the rooms lacking electricity and heat due to tornado damage, the Irish also coped with the lack of hot water following a 6:45 a.m. wakeup and team breakfast ... Starkville was bathed in 75-degree temperatures Friday at noontime but Saturday's gametime temperature had dipped to 39, with steady winds.

**SPRINT TO 20-30-40** – ND reached 20 wins (20-4-1) faster than any of the program's previous 92 teams, dating back to the 20-1 start by the 1908 squad ... the 2000 Irish squad tied the ND record for quickest to 30 wins (30-9) set by three previous teams, with the 2001 ND team then besting that record by reaching 30 wins in 36 games (30-5-1) ... finally, the Irish reached 40 wins (40-6-1) three games sooner than the program's previous best (40-10, in 1990).

**DOUBLE DIPPER** – Senior SS **Alec Porzel** set the ND record for career doubles in the Seton Hall series finale (62) ... he since has extended that record to 75, including a team-best 25 this season ... Porzel had 24 doubles as a junior while the ND single-season record is 31 by Dan Peltier in 1989.

**3-0 TRIFECTA** – ND won three straight games on March 21 and 23 by the same score (3-0), equaling an 85-year-old team record by registering three consecutive shutouts ... the last time that happened for an ND baseball team, two of the opponents were known by different school names (ND's athletic teams weren't even known as the Irish until 1930), with that 1916 team blanking Michigan Agriculture (now Michigan State) by a 2-0 score, Purdue 1-0 and Western State (now Western Michigan) 6-0 from April 29-May 6 of that season ... the only other seasons to produce three consecutive shutouts came in 1907 (6-0 vs. Indiana, 4-0 vs. Nebraska, 5-0 vs. Oberlin from May 9-15) and in the first three games of 1908 (19-0 vs. Winona, 18-0 vs. Albion and 19-0 vs. Kalamazoo) ... 3-0 has been the magic shutout score for ND this season, with the first five (of six) 2001 shutouts coming by that score (also vs. Florida Atlantic and New Mexico).

**BIG EAST SCHOLARSHIP** – Notre Dame senior LHP **Mike Naumann** (Tucson, Ariz.) is one of four 2001 BIG EAST baseball players who have been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for use towards postgraduate studies ... AEROPOSTALE Stores is the official apparel of BIG EAST Championships and also is the sponsor of the conference's Post Graduate Student-Athlete Scholarship Program ... each BIG EAST school nominated a male and female student-athlete for the scholarship program, with other BIG EAST baseball players that were nominated by their schools including Mike Scott (Connecticut), Matt Irvin (Pittsburgh), (Baseball) and Brian Leighton (Seton Hall) ... Naumann earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2000 and carries a 3.92 cumulative grad-point average as a pre-professional science major (he has been accepted to Baylor's medical school and plans to attend that prestigious institution beginning in the fall of 2001).

**BIG SHADOWS** – Several members of the ND baseball team bring big frames to the ballpark, including All-America RHP **Aaron Heilman** (6-5, 225 pounds) and two everyday starters: sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** (6-3, 220) and freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** (6-4, 205) ... sophomore 1B **Mike Holba** (6-7, 225) is the tallest member of the Irish squad and was an all-state quarterback as a prep while junior OF **Matt Strickroth** (6-5, 230) was an all-state football lineman during his high school days.

**NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK** – ND sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** (Port Allegany, Pa.) lived up to his preseason hype by earning national player-of-the-week honors after batting .692 (9-for-13) and reaching base on 10 consecutive plate appearances at the National Bank of Commerce Classic ... Stavisky was recognized by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine as the national player of the week while the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association tabbed Stavisky as its national "hitter of the week" ... the 6-3, 220-pound lefthander also earned the first BIG EAST player-of-the-week award for the 2001 season ... his 10 consecutive times on base included hits in his final two ABs versus UNO and a 3-for-3 effort (with 2 BB) later that day vs. host Mississippi State. ... in the final game of the NBC Classic, he collected hits in his first three ABs vs. MSU—yielding 10 straight times on base ... a strikeout to open the 8th halted Stavisky's streak (he had hits in eight of his first 10 ABs overall) and his final 1B was a hard-hit lineout to CF in the 11th inning of that 4-2 win ... Stavisky's weekend production from the cleanup spot included 3 walks, 3 RBI, 3 runs, 2 triples, 2 doubles, 15 total bases, a stolen base and two Ks ... current Irish senior RHP Aaron Heilman (Logansport, Ind.) was named by *CB* as the national pitcher of the week twice in 2000, following his 12-K game in a 6-4 win over Georgia on March 5 and his 18-K game at West Virginia on April 15 (a 3-1, 10-inning win) ... Stavisky's 10 straight times on base included a wide variety of ABs, with three first-pitch hits (one RBI double, one RBI triple), four hits with two strikes (one RBI triple), two leadoff hits and a two-out RBI double.

**DOUBLE YOUR DP PLEASURE** – Sophomore RHP **Matt Laird** (Bellaire, Texas) recorded four outs on his first seven pitches of the 2001 season—thanks to pair of clutch double plays in the wins over MSU ... Laird took the hill on Feb. 17 with runners on first and second, one out and ND leading 7-5 ... he worked to a 1-2 count on his first batter before Matthew Maniscalco send a dipping line drive, with SS Alec Porzel snaring the ball and stepping on second for the game-ending DP ... the next day, Laird took the mound again with runners on 1st and 2nd (in the 10th) and induced pinch hitter Brad Rutto in to a 6-4-3 double play to end the inning (on a 2-0 pitch).

**TOURNAMENT TOUGH** – ND is 54-18-1 (.747) in regular-season tournaments during the Paul Mainieri era (1995- ), including a 1998 win over Florida State, wins in 2000 over Wake Forest, Georgia and Illinois (2) and this season's wins over Mississippi State (2), Fresno State and Illinois ... the Irish are 19-3-1 in their last 23 regular-season tournament games, dating back to a 9-7 loss to Minnesota on March 4 of last season, and have not had a losing record in their last 11 regular-season tournaments—stretching back to a 1-2 showing at the ACC Disney Blast early in the 1998 season (ND is 33-6-1 in the last 11 regular-season tournaments).

**ALL-TIME OPPONENTS** – ND has faced 272 opponents in 109 years of varsity baseball, with five—Sam Houston State, Florida Atlantic, South Florida, the University of the Pacific and New Mexico—joining that list this season ... noteworthy teams that ND has yet to face include Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and UC Santa Barbara.

**CAPE COD'S BEST** – Three ND players made big names for themselves in the Cape Cod League—the nation's premier wooden-bat summer league ... all three—CF **Steve Stanley**, OF **Brian Stavisky** and C **Paul O'Toole**—were selected as starters for the 2000 Cape all-star game (only Georgia Tech, with three, could match the Irish) ... Stanley led the Cape with a .329 batting avg. as leadoff man for the Brewster Whitecaps, playing alongside Irish classmate O'Toole ... Stanley also ranked 2nd in the Cape for runs (31), 3rd in on-base pct. (.429) and 4th in SBs (20-of-27, in 43 GP) ... O'Toole hit .273 and impressed observers with his wooden-bat power, tying for 5th in the league with 4 home runs, plus 3 triples, 3 doubles, 24 RBI, 26 runs, 18 walks, 27 Ks and 13-of-18 SBs (41 GP) ... Stavisky—who finished 2nd in the Cape batting race (.324)—saw his Hyannis Mets fall to Brewster in the title game, 6-2, while O'Toole combined with Stanley to help the East all-stars rally past the West, 7-6 ... Stavisky hit 3 HRs in the Cape (one as co-MVP of the all-star game) while ranking 5th in the league in slugging (.453), 4th in RBI (26), 2nd in doubles (14) and 1st in hits (55), plus 19 BB, 30 Ks and 4 SBs (44 GP) ... several players from teams on ND's 2001 schedule were teammates of the Irish players in the Cape, including Fresno State 2B Tom Creighton (Brewster) and three players from Hyannis: Florida Atlantic RHP Dan Core, Virginia Tech RHP Jason Bush and **Connecticut OF Mike Scott**.

**JUMPIN' JAYHAWKERS** – Three other Irish players also experienced summer success on a high level, as member of the Hays (Kansas) Larks team that advanced to the championship game of the annual National Baseball Congress World Series (held in Wichita) ... current junior RHP **Matt Buchmeier** was named all-Jayhawk League, after posting a 1.75 ERA and 6-3 record in 70 IP during the summer of 2000 ... Buchmeier handed the potent Santa Barbara Foresters an 8-1 loss in the late rounds of the NBC World Series (7-inning CG, 7 Ks, BB, 4 H, UER) ... current junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** also was named first team all-Jayhawk League after leading the Larks with a .346 batting avg. (62-for-179) ... Bushey likewise was named to the NBC World Series all-Midwest Regional team (he hit .308, with 7 R) ... junior RHP **Drew Duff** did his part as well, posting a 4-1 mid-tournament win over the Santa Maria Indians (9 IP, R, 5 H, 2 BB, 6 Ks) and turned in a solid outing in the 3-1 title-game loss to the Liberal (Kansas) Bee Jays.

**REVERSE TRANSFORMATION** – During the previous six seasons of the Paul Mainieri era at ND, several prep shortstops have been converted into Irish OFs ... ND freshman **Steve Sollmann** has completed what an often seamless transition in the other direction, by moving from his typical OF position to 2B for the Irish ... Sollmann filled one Mainieri staple, as the team's No. 9 batter (providing a "second leadoff hitter" in hopes of jumpstarting big innings) before shifting to his current No. 2 spot in the batting order.

**YOU THE MANN ... SORRY THE MAN** – You'll have to forgive those close to the ND baseball program for causing confusion over the proper spelling of Irish freshman 1B **Joe Thaman**'s last name ... Thaman's last name is of the one-n variety—putting him in the lofty company of three-time All-America pitcher **Aaron Heilman** but leaving him another "n" short of his rightside infield partner (freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann**) and senior LHP **Mike Naumann** ... three other regulars in the Irish lineup have similarities to their last names: junior DH **Ken Meyer**, junior RHP **Matt Buchmeier** and sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier**.

**AYE, CAPTAIN** – ND's tri-captains for 2001 are senior RHP **Aaron Heilman** (Logansport, Ind.), senior SS **Alec Porzel** (Lisle, Ill.) and junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (Boardman, Ohio) ... Bushey is the fifth junior to serve as an Irish baseball captain since '91, the others: Heilman, SS Brant Ust ('99), C Bob Lisanti ('94) and 1B Joe Binkiewicz ('91) ... Heilman joins Binkiewicz ('91-'92), Lisanti ('94-'96) and IF J.J. Brock ('97-'98) as the fourth multi-year captain at ND in 22 years (Lisanti and Brock both were five-year players).

**SOLID COMPETITION** – Half of ND's games in the first 30 came vs. teams that competed in the 2000 NAAs (12-3 in those games), with a loss to New Orleans, two wins over Mississippi St., wins over Fla. Atlantic, Fresno St., Miami and Illinois, the pair of losses at Va. Tech

and the three-game sweeps of Seton Hall and at Rutgers ... ND completed a three-week stretch vs. three of the BIG EAST's top-rated teams (Virginia Tech, Seton Hall and Rutgers).

**THE FRIENDLY SKIES** – The spring break trip to Northern California completed a string of four straight roadtrips for the Irish, covering some 10,000 miles: Starkville, Miss. (1,436 miles roundtrip), San Antonio, Texas (2,532), St. Petersburg, Fla. (2,310) and Fresno, Calif. (4,264).

**ALL-STATE TEAM** – With eight Ohio natives on its 2001 squad, ND could field an all-Ohio squad that also would include second-year assistant **Dusty Lepper** at SS (he is a native of Findlay and played at Toledo) while the team's student managers—**Ken Kleppel** and **Katie Furman**—would split time in left field (both hail from the Cleveland area) ... here's how the rest of the all-Ohio squad would be aligned: junior C **Andrew Bushey** (Boardman, suburb of Youngstown), junior 1B **Paul O'Toole** (Lakewood, outside of Cleveland), freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** (Cincinnati), senior 3B **Ben Cooke** (Bay Village, suburb of Cleveland), junior CF **Steve Stanley** (Upper Arlington, in Columbus area) and junior RF **Matt Bok** (Akron) ... two freshman RHPs would share pitching duties: **Mike Morgalis** (Cincinnati) and **Nick Colagiovanni** (Garfield Heights).

**WORKING O.T.** – ND is 9-0-1 in its last 10 extra-inning games, since losing 10-7 to Boston College on April 17, 1999 (7-inning game that ended in the 8th) ... that streak includes a rare happening of three consecutive extra-inning games at the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, with the Irish tying Navy (4-4 in 10) before beating Fresno State (5-4 in 10) and Miami of Ohio (3-2 in 11) ... in addition to the 11-inning win earlier this season at Mississippi State (4-2) and the recent 11-inning win at Rutgers (5-4), the extra-inning streak includes wins over Oakland (7-6 in 10; 4/30/99), Villanova (7-3 in 10; 3/25/00), West Virginia (3-1 in 7-inn. game extended to 10; 4/15/00), Michigan (5-4 in 11; 4/26/00) and Pittsburgh (11-8 in 10; 5/6/00) ... the VU and WVU games were on the road, the Michigan win was at Old Kent Park (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

**OPENING-DAY IN THE SHOW** – Three former ND baseball players competed for Major League roster spots, as members of 40-man Spring Training rosters: RHPs **Brad Lidge** (Houston Astros) and **Christian Parker** (New York Yankees) and infielder **Craig Counsell** (Arizona Diamondbacks) ... LHP **Chris Michalak** also was in the Toronto Blue Jays big-league camp as one of 15 non-roster invitees ... Parker, Counsell and Michalak all made opening-day rosters—with Parker and Michalak pitching on back-to-back days at Yankee Stadium (each earned a No. 5 starter spot and was making his first career Major League start) ... Michalak raced out to a 3-1 start while Parker lost his debut and has been placed on the DL ... Other former Irish players currently in pro ball include C/1B **Mike Amrhein** and RHP **John Corbin** (both members of the Chicago Cubs organization), IF **Brant Ust** and LHP **Tim Kalita** (both with the Detroit Tigers AA squad) and 1B/DH **Jeff Wagner** (Anaheim Angels organization) ... Lidge was the Astros 1st-round draft pick in 1998 but has been slowed by injuries during his previous pro seasons (he was 2-1 with a 2.81 ERA in eight 2000 starts at class-A Kissimmee) ... Parker—originally a 4th-round pick of the Montreal Expos in 1996—posted a 14-6 record, 3.13 ERA and 147 Ks in 28 starts and 204 IP last season at class-AA Norwich ... Counsell was one of the heroes on the Florida Marlins team that won the 1997 World Series before playing with the L.A. Dodgers and then the Diamondbacks ... Michalak had a Major League stint with the Diamondbacks in 1998 and was in Devil Rays camp last spring (he pitched six games with class-A Durham before making 21 starts in Albuquerque with the Dodgers triple-A club, going 11-3 with a 4.26 ERA).

**BASEBALL INKS SEVEN IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD** – Matt Macri heads list of highly-touted infielders and pitchers.

The Notre Dame baseball team signed seven high school seniors to national letters of intent during the 2000 early fall period (Nov. 14): catcher **Jay Molina** (Moline, Ill./Moline HS), shortstops **Matt Edwards** (Mechanicsville, Va./Lee Davis) and **Matt Macri** (Clive, Iowa/Dowling) and four pitchers: **Grant Johnson** (Burr Ridge, Ill./Lyons Township), **Chris Niesel** (Plantation, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas), **Martin Vergara** (Paterson, N.J./DePaul Catholic) and lefthander **Scott Bickford** (Owings, Md./Northern)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Bats	Hometown	Previous School
Scott Bickford	LHP	6-4	60		Owings, MD	Northern HS
Matt Edwards	SS/OF	6-2	180	R	Mechanicsville, VA	Lee-Davis HS
Grant Johnson	RHP	6-6	205		Burr Ridge, IL	Lyons Township HS
Matt Macri	SS/RHP	6-2	195	R	Clive, IA	Dowling HS
Jay Molina	C/RHP	5-11	195	R	Moline, IL	Moline HS
Chris Niesel	RHP	6-0	185		Plantation, FL	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
Martin Vergara	RHP	6-1	180		Paterson, NJ	DePaul Catholic HS

... ND's current roster includes just six seniors - namely starting pitchers Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo (who has another year of eligibility remaining) and shortstop Alec Porzel - plus several younger players that could be lost to the 2001 Major League draft, including junior catcher Paul O'Toole and sophomore rightfielder Brian Stavisky ... the seven signees include three high school quarterbacks and they hail from six states-Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia-while five were rated among the top-10 prep prospects in their respective states, according to *Baseball America*: Macri (No. 18 nationally, No. 1 in Iowa), Johnson (No. 2 in Illinois, 177th overall), Edwards (No. 3 in Virginia), Bickford (No. 6 in Maryland) and Molina (No. 10 in Illinois) ... all seven were included on Team One Baseball's list of "Tracking the Nation's Top Baseball Recruits," including Vergara as one of seven New Jersey players listed and Niesel as one of 50 players listed from talent-rich Florida ... as of Nov. 14, ND's total of seven signees on Team One's list of top players by state ranked 8th, behind only Georgia Tech, Florida, LSU, Miami, Texas, Stetson and Arizona State.

**MAINIERI ON THE CLASS OF 2005:** "This class ranks up there with the finest in Notre Dame baseball history. We've filled all our needs with players who have outstanding ability and who will contribute a great deal. This was a critical class for us because we could lose so many key players from our 2001 squad. We needed players who can immediately make an impact and our success rate in landing the players we really wanted was phenomenal. ... We tried to address three areas. First, we needed quality pitchers with starting potential. The four guys we signed all have great arms and have the potential to make a big impact. Second, with us losing senior shortstop Alec Porzel, we needed to recruit someone that can step in and play shortstop for us as a freshman. Macri and Edwards are the two we rated as the best prospects for us in the country and they both are both great athletes that can play elsewhere if needed. Finally, because there is a strong possibility we will lose junior catcher Paul O'Toole to the pro draft next June, we needed to sign a catcher who has the talent to play right away. Molina was our number one choice and we were able to land him. ... For us to receive early commitments from these top players is a real credit to the efforts our assistant coaches and current players. In fact, our best recruiters are our current players ... seeing how content our current players are at Notre Dame makes a huge and positive impact on the prospects."

**MACRI** is widely considered to be among the nation's top-25 high school players, checking in at No. 18 according to *Baseball America* and No. 21 by Team One Baseball (he ranks among the top-10 position players on both lists and as high as fourth among shortstops) ... an impressive all-around athlete who could have entertained Division I scholarship offers in football as a quarterback, the 6-2, 195-pound Macri also has promise on the mound due to a fastball that has touched 94 miles-per-hour and a solid breaking ball ... Team One rates Macri second among prep players who are potential "two-way" players in the field and on the mound while also listing Macri second in the nation for arm strength and sixth for defense (third among shortstops) ... Macri was one of two USA Baseball players named to the all-tournament team at the Junior Pan American Games, held last spring in Sonora, Mexico ... e was the first freshman position player to start at Dowling High School in 30 years and batted .396 or higher in each of the past three seasons, including a junior year that saw him hit .462 with 16 home runs and 52 RBI in 40 games while earning third team All-America honors from the National High School Baseball Coaches Association ... a second-year starting quarterback, Macri was one of five finalists for the Iowa Heisman Award (announced in late November) and led the Dowling football team to a 12-0 record and a spot in the 4A state championship game (Nov. 17) ... prior to that game, his 2000 season stats included roughly 2,000 passing yards (24 TDs, 3 INTs), a 63.4 completion percentage and 700 rushing yards (8 TDs).

**EDWARDS**, who has displayed power hitting to all fields, is a solid SS prospect with versatility to play anywhere in the infield or outfield ... as a 14-year-old, he hit nine home runs and a double in his first 11 ABs during the AAU State Tournament while playing for the Richmond Virginians ... the 6-2, 180-pounder posted a .440 batting average during his first three seasons at Lee-Davis High School, including a junior season in which many teams pitched around him (22 BB in 22 games, with 4 HR, 18 RBI) ... as a sophomore, Edwards played on a team stocked with college prospects and saw more pitches while racking up 37 RBI and seven home runs, plus a .470 batting average.

**MOLINA** is known as a hard-nosed competitor behind the plate, on the mound and in the batter's box (he also is the starting QB at Moline High School) ... as a junior, the 5-11, 195-pounder led his team to a 33-3 record and a third-place finish in the Illinois state tournament, after batting .390 for the season with four home runs and 45 RBI - plus a 9-0 record and 2.50 ERA in 65 IP.

**NIESEL** is known for his control, with just 22 walks in 132 innings as a sophomore and junior (1.5 BB per 9 IP) ... he has touched the low 90s on his fastball, with a solid complementary curveball and changeup ... the 6-0, 185-pounder earned second team all-county honors as a junior at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, after posting a 6-2 record and 2.91 ERA in 67 innings, with 69 strikeouts and just 11 walks.

**JOHNSON** is noted for his prototypical pitcher's frame (6-6, 205) and is rated 177th on *Baseball America's* list of prep prospects ... his junior season at Lyons Township High School yielded a 10-2 record, three saves and a 1.57 ERA in 82 IP, plus 95 Ks and just 28 walks.

**VERGARA**, who also is a star QB at DePaul Catholic High School, was a *USA Today* honorable mention All-American as a junior, after posting a 9-2 record and 1.60 ERA in 76 IP, with 147 Ks (1.93 per inning, 17.41 per nine innings) and just 43 hits allowed.

**BICKFORD**, known for his projectable body (6-4, 160) and loose arm, pitched just 38 innings (due to illness) as a junior at Northern High School before turning in a strong 2000 summer season with the Maryland Orioles, when he posted an 8-1 record and 2.71 ERA in 60 IP (69 Ks, 28 BB).