

2002 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL vs. St. John's (April 6)

ND-SJU SERIES NOTES

Series Record: ND leads 10-5 (4-3 at Eck)
Streak: ND has won last four meetings

SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame holds a 10-5 series edge versus St. John's (4-3 at Eck Stadium), since joining the BIG EAST in 1996 ... ND has won the last four meetings in the series, including 3-2, 5-0, 7-3 last year at SJU ... the Irish posted BIG EAST Tournament wins over SJU in 1996 (4-00 and '98 (3-2) ... four of the games in the series have been decided by one run, with ND winning three.

BACK & FORTH – ND won the first two games of the SJU series (7-3 and then 4-0, in 1996) but the teams then alternated victories in the next 10 games, before ND's sweep in 2001.

SLOW STARTER – The ND-SJU series featured just one regular-season game in 1996 and '97 due to weather (ND also beat SJU in the '96 BIG EAST Tournament, 4-0).

RARE LOSSES, IN MANY WAYS – SJU's 3-0 win at ND on May 9, 1998, remains the **only shut-out loss for the Irish at Eck Stadium** during the Paul Mainieri era (since 1995, a span of 206 games) ... since that loss, ND has not been shut out during its last 90 home games while scoring in 219 of 221 overall games since that shutout defeat to SJU (the Irish have scored in 451 of 456 games under Mainieri, or 98.9 pct.) ... ND has **lost just five three-game BIG EAST series, with SJU owning two** of them ('98, '99) ... Aaron **Heilman** 2-1 loss to SJU in '98 **was one of just seven losses** in his 43-7 career.

Recapping The 2001 ND-SJU Games

Aaron Heilman (7 IP, 3 H, 3 BB, 8 Ks, 12 GOs) and Danny Tamayo (9 IP, 30 BF, 2 H, BB, 9 Ks, 14 GOs; 75 of 107 pitches for Ks) tossed complete games in the 3-2, 5-0 doubleheader – with the dynamic duo allowing just seven balls to reach the outfield ... ND plated three 1st-inning runs in the opener (capped by **Andrew Bushey's** 2-run single) while Brian Stavisky had 3 RBI in the nightcap ... **J.P. Gagne's** strong outing (7 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 BB, 5 Ks) then completed the sweep in the 7-3 series finale, with Alec Porzel's two-run HR and RBI double highlighting a 12-hit attack (Bushey also had 3 RBI) ... Gagne did not allow a hit or walk until the 5th inning ... **Matt Buchmeier** picked up the save (2 H, R).

YOU AGAIN? – The SJU pitching staff had its fill of current ND senior DH Ken Meyer during the 2000 series vs. the Irish ... Meyer hit safely in all 8 ABs vs. SJU in 2000 while scoring 6 runs and collecting 18 total bases (HR, 2 triples, 3 doubles, 2 singles) ... Meyer owns a .417 career batting avg. vs. SJU (10-for-24), with 21 TBs for an .875 slugging pct.

Series Stats

Billmaier (.200) .. 2-for-10 RBI, 3 R, 2B, 2 BB, SB
Bok (.000) 0-for-8 BB, 2 K
Bushey (.407) ... 11-for-27 ... 4 RBI, 5 R, 3 2B, 2 BB, 5 K
Meyer (.417) 10-for-24 . RBI, 6 R, HR, 2 3B, 4 2B, 3 K
O'Toole (.321) ... 9-for-28 . 2 RBI, 4 R, 2B, 4 BB, 4 K, SB
Sollmann (.182) .. 2-for-11 2 R, 3B, BB, 3 K, SB
Stanley (.235) ... 8-for-34 . 4 RBI, 8 R, 2 2B, 5 BB, 4 K, 5 SB
Stavisky (.350) .. 7-for-20 7 RBI, 3 R, HR, 2B
Strickroth (.417) . 5-for-12 4 RBI, 2 2B
Thaman (.100) . 1-for-10 R, BB, K
Buchmeier .. 3 GP, SV, 9.82, 7.1 IP, 10 H, 5 K, 6 BB, HB
Gagne 2 GS, 1-0, 3.46, 13 IP, 13 H, 7 K, 4 BB
Duff GP, 1.0 IP, 4 H, K, 2 BB, WP

The Notre Dame baseball team (15-10, 3-4 BIG EAST) will look to build on its six-game winning streak while playing host to its first BIG EAST Conference home series, versus St. John's (12-12, 4-3) on April 6-7 (starting at noon each day) ... the Irish opened their home season earlier this week, with wins over BYU (1-0) and Valparaiso (16-0, 12-1) ... ND is slated to start freshman RHP John Axford (2-2, 3.51 ERA) and junior RHP J.P. Gagne (2-2, 3.06) in Saturday's doubleheader while SJU will counter with freshman RHP Jim Wladyka (1-3, 4.38) and junior RHP Greg Holmes (2-1, 5.25) ... Sunday's probable starters are ND freshman RHP Chris Niesel and SJU senior RHP Charlie Bilezikjian (2-3, 3.89) ... both teams have suffered major injury losses, with SJU's top three starting pitchers all sidelined while ND freshman shortstop Matt Macri (scheduled for "Tommy John" reconstructive elbow surgery, 4/10) and Matt Edward (broken leg, 3/9) both are out for the year, with junior LF Brian Stavisky hoping to return next week (due to a facial fracture).

RADIO COVERAGE: South Bend's ESPN Radio 1620 AM (WDND) and its sister station WHLY 1580 AM are slated to broadcast Notre Dame's entire 56-game schedule in 2002 (plus all postseason action) ... a real-audio link to internet broadcasts of the games may be accessed at www.und.com while real-time stats for home games – including updated play-by-play – likewise can be accessed at und.com ... all remaining ND baseball games in 2002 are slated to air on WDND 1620.

Today's Probable ND Starting Pitchers

John Axford, Fr., RHP (last three games are starts)

(6 GP/3 GS, 3.51, 2-3, 25.2 IP, 25 H, 22 K/15 BB, .250 opp. avg., 3 WP, 1 HB)

at New Orleans (2/23; 7-8) 4 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 6 BB, K, WP
vs. Fla. Int'l, in Homestead (3/2; 4-13) loss, 2.1 IP, 5 H, 8 R/2 ER, 3 BB, K, WP
vs. Texas-Pan American, in Round Rock (3/10; 5-6) 1.1 IP, 2 H, R/UER, 2 K
vs. Creighton, in San Antonio (3/13; 6-2) win, 7 IP, 4 H, 2 R/UER, 6 K, WP
at Connecticut (3/24; 6-13) loss, 5 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 3 BB, 3 K, HB
vs. Georgetown (3/30; 12-3) win, 6 IP, 4 H, 2 R/UER, 3 BB, 9 K, BK

Situationally: 14-of-26 leadoff batters reached (.538), 8-for-32 opp. batting with 2 outs, .246 with runners on base (14-for-57), 35 groundouts, 13 flyouts

J.P. Gagne, Jr., RHP (all are starts, except UConn)

(7 GP/6 GS, 3.06, 2-2, 35.1 IP, CG/ShO, 30 H, 28 K/5 BB, .231 opp. avg., 2 WP, 6 HB)

at New Orleans (2/23; 7-8) 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, BB, 3 K
vs. Duquesne, in Homestead (3/1; 6-0) win, 7 IP, 2 H, 6 K, 2 HB
vs. Creighton, in Round Rock (3/11; 6-8) loss, 6 IP, 5 H, 6 R/2 ER, 3 BB, 6 K, WP
vs. So. Illinois, in San Antonio (3/16; 3-2) 6 IP, 8 H, 2 R, BB, 4 K, WP, HB
at Connecticut (3/23; 8-9) loss, 3.1 IP, 2 H, R/UER, 2 K, 2 HB
at West Virginia (3/28; 10-6) IP, 6 H, 5 R, HB
vs. BYU (4/1; 1-0) win, 9 IP, 3 H, 7 K

Situationally: 10-of-35 leadoff batters reached (.286), .220 opp. 2-out batting (9-for-41), .294 with runners on base (15-for-51), 34 groundouts, 36 flyouts

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

* – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

Pos.	Player	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	2002 Stats
LF	Ken Meyer	Sr.	6-0/205	Fort Myers, FL	.308, 7 RBI, 17 R, HR-3B-5 2B, 6 BB, 1-1 SB Career vs. SJU: 10-for-24, 6 R, HR, 2 3B, 4 2B
CF	*Steve Stanley	Sr.	5-8/155	Upper Arlington, OH	.433, 13 RBI, 22 R, 18-22 SB, 3B-7 2B, 12 BB ND records: consec. starts (213), H (311), SB (102)
2B	Steve Sollmann	So.	5-10/190	Cincinnati, OH	.288, 9 RBI, 10 R, 2B, 4 BB, 0-0 SB Slowed by quad injury; 5 RBI vs. Valpo
C/3B	*Paul O'Toole	Sr.	6-1/205	Lakewood, OH	.289, 21 RBI, 20 R, 5 HR-3B-4 2B, 9 BB, 5-8 SB Last 10 games: 15-for-39 (.385), 14 RBI, 3 HR
3B/C	*Andrew Bushey	Sr.	5-10/190	Boardman, OH	.392, 21 RBI, 19 R, 3 HR-10 2B, 9 BB, 0-2 SB BE Player of Week (6-for-9, UNO Classic)
RF	Kris Billmaier	Jr.	5-10/200	Woodinville, WA	.256, 8 RBI, 10 R, 3 2B, 6 BB, 2-2 SB Hit go-ahead double in rally vs. USC
SS	Javier Sanchez	So.	6-2/200	Miami, FL	.289, 10 RBI, 17 R, HR-3B-4 2B, 11 BB Team-best .440 batting in BIG EAST games
DH	#Matt Bok	Sr.	5-10/190	Akron, Ohio	.319, 10 RBI, 14 R, HR-8 2B, 4 BB, 0-1 SB Hit solo HR in win over Missouri
1B	*Joe Thaman	So.	6-4/210	St. Louis, MO	.263, 11 RBI, 10 R, HR-4 2B, 7 BB Ended UALR game with 2-run HR

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL SCHEDULE & RESULTS

FEBRUARY

Fri.	23	\$ vs. Missouri	W, 7-6 (10)
Sat.	24	\$ at New Orleans	L, 7-8
Sun.	25	\$ vs. Southern Illinois	L, 2-6

MARCH

Fri.	1	# vs. Duquesne	W, 6-0
Sat.	2	# vs. Fairfield	W, 6-4
Sat.	2	# vs. Florida Int'l	L, 4-13
Sun.	3	# vs. Sacred Heart	W, 4-1
Fri.	8	* vs. Texas Christian	L, 3-7
Sat.	9	* vs. USC	W, 15-8
Sun.	10	* vs. Texas-Pan Am.	L, 5-6
Mon.	11	* vs. Creighton	L, 6-8
Wed.	12	+ vs. Creighton	W, 6-2
Thur.	13	+ vs. Southern Illinois	W, 5-3
Fri.	14	+ vs. Ark.-Little Rock	W, 7-5
Sat.	15	+ vs. Southern Illinois	W, 3-2
Sat.	23	• at UConn (2) L; 3-4, 8-9 (10)	
Sun.	24	• at Connecticut	L, 6-13
Thur.	28	• at WVU (2) L, 2-4; W, 10-6 (10)	
Sat.	30	• vs. Georgetown W, 10-6, 12-3 (Povich Field; Bethesda, MD)	

APRIL

Mon.	1	Brigham Young	W, 1-0
Tues.	2	Brigham Young	Canceled
Wed.	3	Valparaiso (2)	W, 16-0/12-1
Sat.	6	•St. John's (2)	12:05
Sun.	7	•St. John's	12:05
Tues.	9	Western Michigan	6:05
Thur.	11	•Pittsburgh (2)	12:05
Fri.	12	•Virginia Tech (2)	5:05
Mon.	15	Central Michigan	6:05
Tues.	16	Ball State	6:05
Wed.	17	Toledo	6:05
Sat.	20	•at Seton Hall (2)	Noon
Sun.	21	•at Seton Hall	Noon
Tues.	23	Chicago State	6:05
Wed.	24	Bowling Green	6:05
Fri.	26	Arizona State	6:05
Sat.	27	Arizona State	3:05
Tues.	30	◆ vs. Michigan	7:30

MAY

Wed.	1	Oakland (MI)	6:05
Sat.	4	•Rutgers (2)	12:05
Sun.	5	•Rutgers	12:05
Sat.	11	•vs. Villanova	3:00
Sun.	12	•vs. Villanova (2) (FDR Park; Philadelphia, PA)	Noon
Tues.	14	at Purdue	3:00
Wed.	15	Detroit	6:05
Sat.	17	•Boston College	6:05
Sun.	18	•Boston College (2)	12:05

23-25 ~BIG EAST Tournament (Bridgewater, NJ)

JUNE

Fri.-Sun	31-2	NCAA Regionals	TBA
Fri.-Sun	7-9	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
Fri.-Sat.	14-22	College World Series (Omaha, NE)	

All listings indicate local starting times

Home games (bold) at Frank Eck Stadium

\$ - University of New Orleans Classic

(PrivateerField)

- Homestead (Fla.) Challenge

* - Round Rock College Express Classic

(Round Rock, TX; Dell Diamond)

- Irish Baseball Classic

(San Antonio, TX; Dodd Stadium)

• - BIG EAST Conference game

◆ - Old Kent Park (Grand Rapids, MI)

~ - Commerce Bank Ballpark (Bridgewater, NJ)

TURNING THE CORNER: In addition to early-season injury woes, Notre Dame's 9-9 start also could be traced to other factors, including:

Batting With Runners In Scoring Position

First 18 games	.....	.272
Last 7 games	.....	.391

Two-Out Batting Average

First 18 games	.....	.235
Last 7 games	.....	.264

Batting With Bases Loaded

First 18 games	.....	.167 (3-for-18)
Last 7 games	.....	.400 (6-for-15)

Fielding Percentage (Errors)

First 18 games	.....	.964 (40; 2.2/gm)
Last 7 games	.....	.987 (3; 0.4/gm)

Opponent Unearned Runs

First 18 games	.....	32 (1.8/gm)
Last 7 games	.....	5 (0.7/gm)

Bullpen ERA

First 18 games	.....	4.42
Last 7 games	.....	0.86

Bullpen Opponent Batting Average

First 18 games	.....	.329
Last 7 games	.....	.222

First-Inning Scoring Margin

First 18 games	.....	2-11
Last 7 games	.....	15-6

First-Inning Batting Average

First 18 games	.....	.177
Last 7 games	.....	.485

RBI Margin Via Home Runs

First 18 games	.....	18 (on 12 HRs) - 20 (on 8)
Last 7 games	.....	9 (on 4) - 2 (on 1)

Big Innings (5-Plus Runs)

First 18 games	.....	2
Last 7 games	.....	5

HEAD COACH PAUL MAINIERI: Eighth-year ND head coach Paul Mainieri owns a 651-413-1 (.612) record in 19-plus college seasons ... in addition to his 319-134-1 (.704) 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 319 wins now rank 2nd all-time at ND, behind Jake Kline (558, '34-'75), with Pat Murphy posting a 318-116-1 record from 1988-94 ... Mainieri has seen 27 of his Irish players go on to pro baseball (19 via the draft), with RHP Christian Parker being the first to reach the Majors (as the N.Y. Yankees No. 5 starter, making his debut vs. Toronto on April 6 at Yankee Stadium - with Mainieri and others from ND on hand) ... 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 Majors ... 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.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: The ND pitching staff once again owns an impressive strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.62; 181/69), which would rank second in team history (since '48) behind the 2001 staff (2.92) ... the low walk total (2.90/9 IP) would rank 3rd in ND history, behind the '01 (2.48) and '94 (2.82) teams ... ND starting pitchers have posted a 3.58 K-to-walk ratio (129/36) in 2002 starts, led by juniors J.P. Gagne (26/5) and Peter Ogilvie (14/3) and freshmen Chris Niesel (31/9), John Axford (18/6), Grant Johnson (33/12) and Martin Vergara (7/1).

NO E's ALLOWED: The ND defense has not made an error in the past three games, with the previous six seasons producing just two ND streaks of four straight errorless games: May 3-7, 2000 (vs. Oakland, 3-game series vs. Pitt.) and May 17-27, 2001 (BET vs. Va. Tech, Rutgers and VT, plus NCAAs vs. Wis.-Milwaukee).

ND'S TOP SITUATIONAL HITTERS

Two-Out Batting Average

1. Brian Stavisky	.....	.400
2. Joe Thaman	.....	.357
3. Andrew Bushey	.....	.350
4. Steve Stanley	.....	.320
5. Kris Billmaier	.....	.296
6. Matt Bok	.....	.278
Team Average	.....	.243
7. Paul O'Toole	.....	.188
8. Javier Sanchez	.....	.185
9. Ken Meyer	.....	.160
10. Steve Sollmann	.....	.105

(2001 team avg. was .309)

Batting with Runners in Scoring Position

1. Andrew Bushey	.....	.480
2. Brian Stavisky	.....	.438
3. Steve Stanley	.....	.423
4. Javier Sanchez	.....	.393
5. Joe Thaman	.....	.320
6. Paul O'Toole	.....	.314
Team Average	.....	.307
7. Steve Sollmann	.....	.300
8. Ken Meyer	.....	.200
9. Matt Bok	.....	.200
10. Kris Billmaier	.....	.194

(2001 team avg. was .318)

Leadoff On-Base Percentage

1. Matt Bok	.....	.750
2. Andrew Bushey	.....	.600
3. Ken Meyer	.....	.571
4. Steve Sollmann	.....	.556
5. Steve Stanley	.....	.548
6. Javier Sanchez	.....	.476
7. Paul O'Toole	.....	.455
Team Average	.....	.453
8. Brian Stavisky	.....	.375
9. Joe Thaman	.....	.308
10. Kris Billmaier	.....	.250

(2001 team avg. was .435)

#Best Double Play Ratios

1. Paul O'Toole	.....	(0, 47 ABs)
3. Ken Meyer	.....	(0, 33 ABs)
4. Steve Sollmann	.....	(0, 31 ABs)
5. Brian Stavisky	.....	(0, 18 ABs)
6. Javier Sanchez	.....	47.0 (1)
Kris Billmaier	.....	47.0 (1)
Team Average	.....	38.1 (11)
8. Andrew Bushey	.....	36.0 (1)
9. Joe Thaman	.....	33.0 (1)
10. Steve Stanley	.....	23.5 (2)
11. Matt Bok	.....	14.3 (3)

Lowest grounded into DP ratio, vs. at-bats with runners on base (2001 team avg. - 24.8)

FRESHMAN FORCE: Notre Dame's six freshman pitchers have combined for a 9-6 record in 27 appearances and 15 starts, plus a 3.98 combined ERA in 120 innings, with 110 strikeouts, just 45 walks and 119 hits allowed.

BOUNCE BACK: Several Irish players have recovered from early-season slumps to post solid offensive numbers during the past 10 games, most notably: sophomore 2B **Steve Sollmann** (.450, 9-for-20, 7 RBI), senior C **Paul O'Toole** (.385, 15-for-39, 14 RBI), junior RF **Kris Billmaier** (.364, 12-for-33, 4 RBI) and sophomore 1B **Joe Thaman** (.312, 10-for-32, 6 RBI) ... in the previous 15 games, those players' stats were as follows: Sollmann (.188, 2 RBI), O'Toole (.216, 7 RBI), Billmaier (.184, 4 RBI) and Thaman (.200, 5 RBI).

JAVIANSWERS THE CALL: Sophomore **Javier Sanchez** – thrust into the fulltime starting SS role due to the season-ending injuries suffered by freshmen Matt Macri and Matt Edwards – already has proven that he is up to the challenge, with his early .440 batting average in BIG EAST games ranking 9th in the conference ... his recent clutch plays have included the two-run, 10th-inning double that gave ND the lead at WVU (a 10-6 win) and his first career home run two days later to cap a five-run 1st inning in the second game vs. Georgetown ... Sanchez also has steadied his defense at the key SS position, with no errors in the last seven games (compared to 10 in his first 14).

BROKEN RECORDS: Senior CF and national player-of-the-year candidate **Steve Stanley** already has claimed three ND career records, for consecutive starts (now 213), hits (311) and stolen bases (102) ... he also has moved into 3rd on the ND career at-bats list (836), ranks 5th in runs scored (201; '92 grad. Craig Counsell is 4th with 204) and has pushed his career batting average to .372, which would tie Scott Sollmann for 3rd in ND history.

STREAKS FOR ALL SEASONS: Stanley opened the season with a 13-game hitting streak (the fifth double-digit hitting streak of his career and second-longest overall) before adding a 10-game hitting streak that ended in his short stint during the nightcap vs. Valparaiso (0-for-2) ... Stanley – who closed the 2001 season by batting 14-for-23 in the NCAAs – has three four-hit games this season, vs. Fairfield, Sacred Heart and Creighton (bringing his career total to 10 four-hit games, plus a 5-for-5 game vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the 2001 NCAAs) ... his career-best hitting streak lasted 16 games in the 2000 season, (he also had a 12-game hitting streak in '99 and 10-game hitting streaks in '00 and '01) ... Stanley's team-best .433 season batting average includes 12 walks and four sacrifice bunts ... he has registered hits in 23 of 25 games in 2002 (30 of the last 32, including the final seven of 2001).

AN SB A DAY: Stanley has swiped 18-of-22 stolen bases this season, which puts him on pace to challenge the ND single-season record set by Scott Sollmann in 1996 (52, in 62 GP) ... ironically, Sollmann's brother Steve typically bats with Stanley on base (as the Irish No. 2 hitter) ... Stanley's 102 career SBs rank first in ND history, besting Sollmann's record total of 101 (from '94-'96).

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BIG EAST BUGGER: Two major BIG EAST career records also are within Stanley's grasp, as he already ranks 4th in conference hits (122) and 5th in runs (86) – needing nine hits and five runs to move into 2nd on both lists ... former Rutgers players Darren Fenster (138 hits) and David DeJesus (93 runs) currently hold those BIG EAST records ... Stanley's six career triples in BIG EAST play rank 9th in the league record book, four shy of the shared record ... others among the BIG EAST top four in career hits are Pete Zoccolillo (130; Rutgers, '96-'99) and Mike Scott (126; Providence/UConn; '99-'01) ... others ahead of Stanley on the BIG EAST runs list include Fenster (90), Brian Fili (88; Villanova, '94-'97) and Zoccolillo (87).

PENCIL HIM IN, OR USE PEN: Stanley has started all 213 games of his ND career (all in CF) while logging all but 20 innings in CF during his four seasons (he played every inning of 60 straight games, before yielding to George Howard late in the 6th inning of both 7-inning Valparaiso games) ... the familiar #2 – who has totaled just seven errors in 486 career fielding chances (.992) – has patrolled CF in 98.90% of the innings (1,801.2 of 1,821.2), including all but two of 513 as a freshman (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 2000 – a span of 764.2 consecutive innings in CF – before being replaced by 2001 grad Ben Cooke for the final five innings of the 8-1 NCAA loss at Mississippi St. (the Irish fell into an early 7-0 hole and Stanley reluctantly left the game due to illness) ... in 2001, he patrolled center in all but nine of 547.2 innings – with Mike Naumann inserted into CF for the final inning vs. Texas-Pan American (14-9) while Cooke played the final two frames in the second 3-0 at Pittsburgh and John Heintz played the position for the final four innings vs. Hillsdale (9-2) and for the final two innings of the 15-3 win over Seton Hall (becoming the only ND player other than Stanley to play CF at Eck Stadium during the past four seasons, prior to Howard earlier this week).

Career Record Book

Games Played	
9. Bob Lisanti (1992-96)	216
10. Steve Stanley (1999-)	213
– Paul O'Toole (1999-)	197
Games Started	
5. Mike Coss (1988-91)	218
6. Steve Stanley (1999-)	213
10. Joe Binkiewicz (1989-92)	197
– Paul O'Toole (1999-)	188
Consecutive Games Started	
1. Steve Stanley (1999-)	213
2. Pat Pesavento (1986-89)	204
Batting Average	
1. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	.406
2. Eric Danapilis (1990-93) .....	.405
3. Steve Sollmann (1994-96) .....	.372
Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	.372
Hits	
1. Steve Stanley (1999-)	311
2. Pat Pesavento (1986-89)	296
3. Eric Danapilis (1990-93)	295
Slugging Percentage	
6. Ryan Topham (1993-95) .....	.627
7. Mike Trudeau (1983-85) .....	.622
8. Brian Stavisky (2000- ) .....	.619
At-Bats	
1. Alec Porzel (1998-2001)	897
2. J.J. Brock (1994-98)	860
3. Steve Stanley (1999-)	836
Home Runs	
7. Joe Binkiewicz (1989-92)	33
8. Eric Danapilis (1990-93)	29
9. Tim Hutson (1985-88)	28
Dan Peltier (1987-89)	28
– Brian Stavisky (2000-)	27
– Paul O'Toole (1999-)	25
Triples	
6. Paul Failla (1992-94)	13
Ryan Topham (1993-95)	13
8. Alec Porzel (1998-)	12
9. Brian Stavisky (2000-)	11
– Steve Stanley (1999-)	9
– Paul O'Toole (1999-)	9
Doubles	
9. Joe Binkiewicz (1989-92)	48
10. Andrew Bushey (1999-)	43
– Paul O'Toole (1999-)	41
– Steve Stanley (1999-)	37
– Brian Stavisky (2000-)	34
Runs	
1. Pat Pesavento (1986-89)	246
2. Greg Layson (1991-94)	219
3. Eric Danapilis (1990-93)	205
4. Craig Counsell (1989-92)	204
5. Steve Stanley (1999-)	201
9. Brant Ust (1997-99)	174
10. Dan Peltier (1987-89)	166
– Paul O'Toole (1999-)	164
Stolen Bases	
1. Steve Stanley (1999-)	102
2. Scott Sollmann (1994-96)	101
5. Dan Bautch (1990-92)	68
6. Paul O'Toole (1999-)	48
Bases On Balls	
10. Cory Mee (1989-92)	104
Matt Haas (1991-94)	104
– Steve Stanley (1999-)	100
Times Hit-By-Pitch	
6. Mike Amrhein (1994-97)	24
7. Paul O'Toole (1999-)	23
Sacrifice Bunts	
1. Cory Mee (1989-92)	49
2. Mike Coss (1988-91)	30
Mike Moshier (1986-89)	30
4. Steve Stanley (1999-)	26
Total Sacrifices	
1. Cory Mee (1989-92)	47
2. Craig Counsell (1989-92)	38
Steve Stanley (1999-)	38
Fielding Putouts	
3. Tim Hutson (1986-88)	1,147
4. Paul O'Toole (1999-)	1,080
7. George Restovich (1994-96)	772
8. Joe Thaman (2001-)	716

NOTRE DAME CAREER STATISTICS

Name	GP/GS	AB	R	H	HR-3B-2B	RBI	BB	HP	K	SF/SH	SB	AVG
Billmaier	112/97	347	62	97	7-0-15	64	44	12	36	4/6	6-10	.280
Bok	140/99	351	66	100	4-6-26	59	32	14	52	4/5	4-9	.285
at ND	102/75	252	48	72	2-4-18	41	23	9	38	3/5	1-4	.285
Bushey	180/179	625	99	192	8-5-45	97	60	10	58	11/5	6-14	.307
Holba	20/3	28	4	7	0-0-2	2	1	1	13	0/0	0-1	.250
Meyer	137/97	383	75	112	8-5-26	53	25	12	62	5/0	4-4	.292
O'Toole	197/188	682	164	212	25-9-41	134	71	23	78	8/8	48-66	.311
Sollmann	77/75	273	62	95	5-2-10	45	34	4	35	5/7	23-34	.348
Stanley	213/213	836	201	311	1-9-37	98	100	4	57	12/26	102-133	.372
Stavisky	132/131	494	103	169	27-11-34	121	56	6	64	3/0	14-21	.342
Strickroth	122/65	249	47	59	8-1-13	41	27	12	77	2/0	3-6	.237
Thaman	81/77	265	39	74	3-1-19	36	17	3	47	4/5	1-3	.279

Career Slugging Pct.: Stavisky .619 (8th ND history)

Career On-Base Pct.: Stanley .434

Name	GP/GS	CG/Shut	IP	H	R/ER	BB	K	WP	HB	BK	AVG (AB)	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
Buchmeier	47/8	0/0	115.0	138	74/60	39	83	15	7	0	.292 (471)	15	5-3	6	4.70
Duff	52/11	0/0	121.1	156	99/81	50	98	8	5	0	.287 (544)	10	10-4	2	6.01
Gagne	43/32	2/1	178.2	207	104/90	51	119	7	13	1	.293 (706)	12	14-8	0	4.53
Kalita	11/2	0/0	18.1	19	8/7	13	14	7	1	0		1	2-0	0	3.44
Laird	43/9	0/0	84.0	88	51/37	37	65	11	15	2	.267 (330)	3	10-3	5	3.96
Ogilvie	15/11	2/0	75.1	76	28/20	14	47	5	4	0	.269 (283)	0	8-2	0	2.39
Viloria	29/1	0/0	48.0	49	23/18	7	27	1	4	0	.258 (190)	2	4-2	4	3.38

**NOTRE DAME'S
BIG EAST STAT LEADERS**

Senior CF Steve Stanley

- 1st in batting average433
- 2nd in hits 45
- 2nd in stolen bases 18
- 6th in on-base percentage496

Junior LF Brian Stavisky

- Tied for 1st in triples 2
- 2nd in slugging percentage750

Senior 3B Andrew Bushey

- 4th in batting average391
- 4th in doubles 10
- 9th in on-base percentage453

Senior C Paul O'Toole

- Tied for 1st in triples 3
- Tied for 7th in home runs 5

Junior RHP J.P. Gagne

- 9th in ERA 3.06
- 10th in opponent batting average231

Freshman RHP Grant Johnson

- 8th in strikeouts 34
- 10th in innings pitched 37.1

Senior RHP Matt Buchmeier

- Tied for 6th in saves 2

Junior RHP Brandon Viloria

- Tied for 6th in saves 2

Team Batting 6th (.304)

Team ERA 2nd (3.70)

Team Fielding 7th (.955)

IRISH TIGHTEN UP THE D: Despite its early struggles in the field, the Notre Dame defense has made just three errors in the last seven games (40 in the first 18) – including none in the first three home games ... unearned runs have provided the losing margin in half of ND's defeats this season (5 of 10): vs. Florida International (9 UER), Texas Pan-American (3), Creighton (4) and UConn (1, twice) ... the Irish gave up 32 unearned runs in the first 18 games (but just five in the last seven).

MILESTONE WATCH: Several Notre Dame players are approaching (or recently reached) career milestones. Here's their current stats that are approaching noteworthy milestones:

Senior CF Steve Stanley

201 runs scored
102 stolen bases
100 walks
98 RBI

Senior 3B Andrew Bushey

192 hits
99 runs scored
97 RBI
45 doubles

Senior DH Matt Bok

100 hits

Sophomore 2B Steve Sollmann

95 hits

Senior C Paul O'Toole

197 games played
48 stolen bases

Junior RF Kris Billmaier

97 hits

1-0 GAME A RARITY: Monday's narrow win over BYU marked just the fourth 1-0 game in the eight-year Paul Mainieri era at Notre Dame – with one of those coming in a seven-inning game (vs. Navy, at the 1998 Service Academies Classic in Millington, Tenn.) ... the Irish then posted a 1-0 win over Valparaiso on April 22, 1998 (7-inning game extended to 9) before the memorable 1-0 win over the Miami Hurricanes, on May 12, 1999, at Eck Stadium (Alex Shilliday, Chris McKeown and Aaron Heilman combined on a near-no-hitter).

SCORING STREAK: Notre Dame heads into the Valparaiso doubleheader riding the school record for consecutive games with at least one run scored (208) ... the Irish scored in the final 58 games of 1999 and in every game of 2000 (64), '01 (63) and '02 (23), for a streak that stretches back to a 12-0 loss at Florida International on Feb. 21, 1999 ... the previous record 133-game scoring streak began with the first game of the Paul Mainieri era, a 10-6 loss to Texas at the Anaheim Classic, on Feb. 24, 1995 (the Irish were shut out by Auburn, 8-0, in the 1994 NCAA East Regional at Clemson) ... the previous record streak ended vs. another Texas team, 2-0 vs. Texas Pan-American in a seven-inning game on March 10, 1997 (at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio) ... ND has scored in 98.9 pct. of its games in the Mainieri era (444 of 449), with other shutouts at Seton Hall (16-0, 3/22/97), vs. St. John's (3-0, 5/9/98) and vs. Rutgers in the BIG EAST Tournament (12-0, 5/16/98) ... prior to the Mainieri era, the longest ND scoring streaks were: 121-games (April 23, 1930-May 26, 1937) and 103-games (May 25, 1907-May 17, 1912).