



ND The Players

Christian Thompson, who is seventh in the nation in the preseason doubles rankings, made an immediate impact for the Irish as a rookie, playing No. 1 doubles and leading the team in singles wins (25-13 record) while being the first freshman to play No. 2 for Notre Dame since 1998.

The Captain

Veteran player and only senior on the Irish will serve as the team captain in 2004-05 ... has been a contributor in both singles and doubles throughout her career ... has been a key to Notre Dame's dual-match fortunes, playing a variety of big matches ... confidence is a key in her game ... worked on her serve to make it more of a weapon ... strong player who works very hard ... hits the ball hard, but is very consistent ... an all-BIG EAST selection in both singles and doubles in 2003 ... was an extremely difficult player to beat in her sophomore season, when she rallied to win after losing the first set on nine occasions, including a 7-0 midseason stretch in matches where she dropped the opening frame ... holds a 27-13 career record in home singles matches ... has rallied to win after dropping the opening set 17 times ... is 48-6 when winning the first set ... carries 3.439 cumulative grade-point average and is a member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors for Student-Athletes ... three-year monogram winner.

AS A JUNIOR: Helped Irish at the bottom of both lineups in 2003-04, playing Nos. 5 and 6 singles, as well as No. 3 doubles ... finished 14-17 in singles, including 7-12 in dual action (3-6 at No. 5, 4-6 at No. 6) ... posted 16-15 mark in doubles, including 11-9 in dual play (all at No. 3), and led team with six clinching victories ... started season teaming with Kristina Stastny, ranked 43rd in the preseason, and went 12-11 together ... opened spring with wins in four of first five matches (two clinching) ... clinched doubles point against Indiana ... won in tiebreaker against Tennessee ... in fall play, lost in round of 16 at adidas Invitational and finished fourth in blue flight of Kentucky Fall Classic ... won at No. 3 in exhibition match against USC ... reached round of 16 in ITA Midwest Championships before falling to #6 Grier/Rush of Northwestern ... lost two of three in Illinois Midwest Blast ... paired with Emily Neighbour for the final month of season, going 4-4 ... clinched doubles point against William & Mary and #11 Northwestern ... also won in BIG EAST semi-

Career High ITA National Ranking:

43rd (doubles)

Career-High Doubles Win: #24 Anita Loyola/Luana Magnani (USC), 8-6; 2/7/02

AWARDS & HONORS

Two-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team
(Singles: 2003; Doubles: 2003)
Team Captain (2004-05)



#11 Sarah Jane Connelly

Senior
5-9

Oklahoma City, OK
Bishop McGuinness H.S.

finals against Virginia Tech and NCAA first round vs. Iowa ... doubles point came down to a tiebreaker (lost 7-5) in their match in NCAA second round vs. #9 Northwestern ... in singles, started spring at No. 5 before moving to No. 6 on March 10 ... top win at the higher slot came against Karie Schlukebir of Indiana ... lost three-setter (7-5 in third set) against Leanne Rutherford in clinching match of Michigan's season-opening victory ... at No. 6, lost just three games in defeating Sihem Bennacer in helping the Irish to a win over Miami ... lost 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 to Kristen Dunbar of William & Mary with the match tied 3-3 ... also fell in the final match on court of a 4-3 decision against Purdue, losing a third-set tiebreaker against Melissa Woods ... had final three matches of the season abandoned ... was 13-1 when winning the opening set.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Proved integral to Irish in 2002-03 as most consistent singles winner, making a habit of rallying from deficits for thrilling victories ... led Notre Dame in singles wins with 25-12 record, including team-best 17-7 dual-match mark, playing the bottom three positions ... earned BIG EAST all-tournament honors in both singles and doubles ... started season at No. 5, playing there for most of the year prior to filling the No. 4 spot in the postseason ... won 12 of final 14 matches, including nine-match winning streak ... rallied from 6-0 first-set

defeat for victory over Hadley MacFarlane with the match tied 3-3 vs. BYU ... came back to win after losing the first set a total of nine times, highlighted by a 7-0 midseason streak in matches in which her opponent won the first set ... provided lone Irish singles triumph vs. North Carolina ... had victory in 4-3 win over Iowa ... in BIG EAST title match, won the first set before losing the second and falling behind 5-1 in the third, but rallied by winning six straight games for a thrilling triumph over Staci Stevens at No. 4, helping the Irish to a 4-3 victory ... also had victories



against Tennessee, Wake Forest, Arizona State, William & Mary, and Illinois ... in fall action, reached round of 16 in OSU/Prince Cup and "das" flight of adidas Invitational ... won consolation title in blue flight of Eck Classic ... was 8-3 in three-setters on the year ... posted 16-1 mark when winning the opening set ... won all five match tiebreakers she played ... was 17-12 in doubles, moving in and out of the No. 3 position throughout the spring ... playing No. 2 in the postseason, teamed with Kristina Stastny for biggest Notre Dame victory of season, holding on for 8-6 win over de Villiers/Smith in the final match on court with the score tied 3-3 vs. Miami in the BIG EAST final ... the pair was 5-3 together ... started the spring playing with Jennifer Smith at No. 3 ... helped Irish win doubles point against North Carolina ... the two played together throughout the fall season, going 9-4 ... reached semifinals of OSU/Prince Cup and Eck Classic.

AS A FRESHMAN: Provided solid results in both singles and doubles for Irish in first collegiate season ... posted 22-15 overall mark in singles, playing mostly at No. 6 ... defeated Bernadette Bayani of USC to clinch 5-2 Irish upset of #7 Trojans in National Team Indoor Championships ... put together mid-season streak of seven straight wins, including clinching victories over Wisconsin and Ohio State ... also notched wins against Wake Forest, William & Mary, and Texas ... dropped three-set decision to Ruth Barnes in last match on court of Northwestern's 4-3 defeat of the Irish ... posted wins at No. 5 against Air Force and Texas ... won six of first seven collegiate singles matches and went on to lead Irish with eight fall victories ... advanced through qualifying to the singles main draw of the Omni Hotels Region IV Championships ... was 23-19 in doubles, including 17-11 in dual matches, playing with three different partners ... her 17 dual-match wins in doubles matched the second-highest total ever by an Irish freshman ... shared team lead with six clinching victories ... from mid-February to the end of the sea-



son, played with Alicia Salas at No. 3, putting together a 14-6 mark ... won 10 of first 11 matches together ... in last month of season, clinched doubles point in last match on court vs. #19 Northwestern, #14 William & Mary and Miami (BIG EAST final) ... helped Irish win doubles point in 4-3 regular-season victories over Illinois and Miami ... teamed with Katie Cunha for first eight matches of spring after a successful fall season together ... provided clinching win in last match on court with 8-6 upset victory over Anita Loyola/Luana Magnani at No. 2 in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over USC ... advanced to the semifinals of the Region IV Championships, leading to a national ranking of 53rd ... paired with Becky Varnum for one match in the Eck Classic.

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION: Reached singles quarterfinals in '03 ITA Summer Circuit event at Notre Dame.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Ranked 31st in singles and fourth in doubles in United States Tennis Association national 18s rankings ... won 1998 National Indoor doubles title with current Vanderbilt player Aleke Tsoubanos ... that pair also finished second at '98 National Clay Court doubles championships and third at 2000 National Hardcourt doubles championships ... also reached final of 2000 Easter Bowl ... four-year MVP at Bishop McGuinness High School ... led team to three state titles ... also won three state singles titles ... first three-time girls' high school player of the year in Oklahoma City ... did not lose a singles match until her junior year ... lost one match in both her junior and senior seasons ... sister Lauren is a junior on Irish tennis team ... one of just six pairs of sisters to play on the team at the same time, including teammates Catrina and Christian Thompson ... from same hometown as former Irish women's tennis All-American Jennifer Hall (1996-99) ... brother Andy is a freshman on the Tulsa tennis team and father Jim played baseball at Oklahoma State ... three uncles graduated from Notre Dame ... cousins J. Robert and Joe Ross Merritt play basketball for Samford ... member of National Honor Society ... born Aug. 2, 1982, in Oklahoma City, Okla. ... a member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... three times tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star ... carries 3.439 cumulative grade-point average ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major.

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Sarah Jane Connelly ...

"The biggest thing for Sarah Jane is to stay calm on the court. She sometimes starts analyzing things a little too much; she needs to just go out and play. We have worked on her footwork to get into better position to hit her backhand. We're also working on her serve a lot. I expect her to be a leader for us this season, and I think she'll do an unbelievable job as our captain. She has been a great team player throughout her career, doing whatever we needed her to do. If she wins, but the team loses, she is not happy at all. Sarah Jane is a great example of doing her best at whatever the team needs."

Career Record							
Year	Singles			Year	Doubles		
	Dual	Open	Overall		Dual	Open	Overall
2001-02	14-12	8-3	22-15	2001-02	17-11	6-8	23-19
2002-03	17-7	8-5	25-12	2002-03	8-8	9-4	17-12
2003-04	7-12	7-5	14-17	2003-04	11-9	5-6	16-15
Career	38-31	23-13	61-44	Career	36-28	20-18	56-46



An important piece in Notre Dame's fortunes in 2004-05 played No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles last season ... has been one of the most prolific doubles players for the Irish, posting 47-20 (.701) mark, including 33-12 (.733) in dual action ... great competitor ... serve is a key to her game ... aggressive player with a big backhand likes to come to net ... becomes more aggressive in crunch time ... likes to grind and make opponent hit a lot of balls ... smart doubles player, who puts the ball where it needs to be with consistency ... streaky player in singles ... holds 4-0 record in doubles in NCAA tournament action, placing her one shy of the Irish record for doubles wins in the event ... carries 3.736 cumulative grade-point average, second-best on the Irish ... is a member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... has already been tabbed an ITA Scholar-Athlete twice and has a chance to become Notre Dame's first-ever three-time honoree ... two-time monogram winner.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Again was a key player for the Irish ... finished 15-16 in singles, including 10-11 in dual action, all at No. 4 ... led Irish in doubles victories, finishing with a 26-8 mark, including 18-5 in dual matches at No. 2 ... played all but three matches with Alicia Salas, combining to become a virtually automatic win, going 24-7 together, including a nine-match winning streak to end the spring ... ranked as high as 36th in the national rankings and fifth in the region (finished 11th) ... that duo compiled a 41-16 career record together ... started spring with seven consecutive wins, then lost four in a row, but followed that up with 11 wins in final 12 matches ... after 8-6 loss at North Carolina on March 28, did not lose the rest of the season ... had four clinching wins ... clinched doubles point in 4-3 upset of #14 VCU that snapped the Rams' 40-match home winning streak and 38-match regu-

Career High ITA National Ranking: 36th (doubles)

Career-High Singles Win: #52 Jessica Rush (Northwestern), 6-3, 6-4; 9/27/02

Career-High Doubles Win: #3 Sarah Riske/Aleke Tsoubanos (Vanderbilt), 8-4; 5/10/03

AWARDS & HONORS

BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Doubles: 2003)

Two-Time ITA Scholar Athlete (2003, 2004)



#4 **Lauren Connelly**

Junior
5-9

Oklahoma City, OK
Bishop McGuinness H.S.

lar-season winning streak ... won tiebreaker in final match on court to win doubles point vs. Purdue ... clinched doubles point against Iowa in first round of NCAA tournament ... other top wins came against Michigan, #20 BYU, Wake Forest, #18/26 Miami (twice), William & Mary, #14 Texas, and #11/9 Northwestern (twice) ... posted 12-3 mark against regional foes ... had 6-2 record in fall play ... reached quarterfinals of ITA Midwest Championships before losing to #28 Schlukebir/Tran of Indiana ... advanced to semifinals of adidas Invitational before falling to #2 Magley/Reyes of Florida ... clinched doubles point in 4-3 exhibition win against USC ... had a streaky season in singles ... won first seven matches of spring before losing seven straight and then winning three in a row prior to a four-match skid to end the season ... was one of Notre Dame's hottest players in first month of season, winning 14 of 15 sets, including victories against Michigan and VCU ... lost key three-setter to Cynthia Goulet in Irish defeat against Illinois ... snapped losing streak against Marquette and followed that up with wins against Miami and William & Mary ... dropped third-set tiebreaker against Jamie Peisel in 4-3 loss to Northwestern ... Peisel then won in straight sets to clinch the Wildcats' win in the second round of the NCAA tournament ... in fall, began 4-1 and lost four of five to finish first semester ... highlight was a 6-1, 6-3 upset of #65 Amy Wei of William & Mary

en route to finishing fourth in the blue flight of the Kentucky Fall Classic ... played No. 3 in exhibition match against USC ... fell in opening round of ITA Midwest Championships against #42 Jessica Rush of Northwestern ... reached quarterfinals of "das" flight in adidas Invitational.

AS A FRESHMAN: Was one of a trio of freshmen to contribute immediately for the Irish in 2002-03 ... posted 22-15 singles record, including 14-10 in dual matches, playing the bottom three positions ... started the spring at No. 4, winning first match before dropping three straight ...





played with Alicia Salas in all but one dual match, filling the No. 2 slot during the regular season before moving up to No. 1 in the postseason ... the pair was 17-9 together, including 14-7 in the spring, and was listed 11th in the Midwest Region ... 59th in the final national rankings ... ended the season on a high note, upsetting a pair of top-15 teams in the NCAA team tournament ... downed Missouri's #15 Juric/Sevikova in the first round before upsetting #3 Riske/Tsoubanos of Vanderbilt ... posted 5-1 record as final match on court with the doubles point still undecided, winning against Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio State, and Missouri ... also had wins vs. Wake Forest, Texas, Arizona State, William & Mary, and Illinois ... did not lose in a midseason month-long span, winning seven in a row ... earned all-tournament honors in BIG EAST Championship ... the pair was 3-2 in fall play, winning one match in the Midwest Championships and finishing fifth in the Eck Classic ... played with Katie Cunha vs. Indiana, providing clinching win at No. 1 ... the two teamed up for a pair of losses in the fall adidas Invitational ... opened the season winning three of four matches with Emily Neighbours in the OSU/Prince Cup.

Valley section junior rankings in 2001 ... appeared in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" in May 27, 2002, issue ... named team MVP senior season after earning co-MVP honors with sister twice ... served as team captain as a senior ... joined sister as only two three-time girls' high school players of the year in Oklahoma City ... defeated Tiffany Smith in '02 state final, avenging sister's only state tournament defeat ... named all-city four times and all-state as a senior ... was a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... sister Sarah Jane is only senior on Irish tennis team ... one of just six pairs of sisters to play on the Irish women's tennis team at the same time, including teammates Catrina and Christian Thompson ... brother Andy is a freshman on the Tulsa tennis team and father Jim played baseball at Oklahoma State ... three uncles graduated from Notre Dame ... cousins J. Robert and Joe Ross Merritt play basketball for Samford ... from same area as former Irish athletes Jennifer Hall (tennis) and Tom Sullivan (football) ... born January 26, 1984, in Oklahoma City, Okla. ... named an ITA Scholar-Athlete and BIG EAST Academic All-Star in both of first two seasons ... named to Dean's List twice in first year and again in spring 2004 ... posted 3.933 grade-point average in the fall of '02 ... a member of the Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... boasts a 3.736 cumulative GPA, second-best on the Irish ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major.

split time between Nos. 5 and 6 the rest of the season, posting 8-3 mark at the latter ... had four clinching victories ... fell to Amy Trefethen at No. 5 with match tied 3-3 vs. Kentucky ... following that match, won 11 of final 15 matches ... had victories in 4-3 wins against BYU and in the BIG EAST Championship vs. Miami ... also notched wins against Wake Forest, Texas, Arizona State, and Illinois ... two wins over ranked opponents highlighted strong fall season ... upended #52 Jessica Rush of Northwestern in the adidas Invitational before knocking off #69 Erica Fisk of Ohio State in the first round of the Omni Hotels Midwest Championships ... reached final in blue flight of Eck Classic before losing to teammate Alicia Salas ... was 20-3 when winning the first set ... in doubles, finished 21-12, including team's best dual-match record, 15-7, playing mostly No. 2 ...

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION:

Teamed with Alicia Salas to win doubles title in '03 ITA summer circuit event at Notre Dame ... reached final in singles before losing to Frederika Girsang of Western Michigan.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:

Had great success in national juniors doubles tournaments, capturing one title (National Indoors), earning a pair of runner-up results, and also finishing third on two occasions ... did not lose a set in four years of high school tennis, posting four consecutive undefeated seasons and a 76-0 record ... won four team and four individual state titles (one at No. 1 singles and three at No. 2, playing behind sister) ... ranked #3 in doubles in USTA national 18s rankings, as well as 58th in singles ... listed 25th among '02 high school graduates in U.S. ... ranked No. 1 in Missouri

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Lauren Connelly ...

"Lauren played really well for us last year at No. 4. She is just a great competitor. We are constantly working on her serve, because if she is serving well, she is usually playing well. But if she's giving away free points on her serve, she struggles. Lauren is very aggressive; she's not afraid to come in. She has a big backhand, but she will come in on just about anything, which is a good move, because she has good reach and volleys well."

Career Record							
Singles			Doubles				
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall
2002-03	14-10	8-5	22-15	2002-03	15-7	6-5	21-12
2003-04	10-11	5-5	15-16	2003-04	18-5	8-3	26-8
Career	24-21	13-10	37-31	Career	33-12	14-8	47-20



Athletic player has made great strides since joining the Irish and is poised to be a serious contender for a starting position ... injuries over the summer hurt her training ... great competitor is smart and adaptable on the court ... quick player who makes opponents play a lot of balls ... backhand and serve are among her strengths ... two-year monogram winner.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Was on the edge of Notre Dame's singles lineup in 2003-04 ... made dual-match debut in singles against Iowa, defeating Hilary Tyler in three sets at No. 6 ... lost tight two-setter to Aimee Smith of Wake Forest in only other dual singles action ... finished 6-6 in singles and 5-4 in doubles ... won four matches to claim championship of red flight of the Kentucky Fall Classic ... was victorious at No. 8 in exhibition match vs. USC ... also played in adidas Invitational and Illinois Midwest Blast ... mostly paired with Kelly Nelson in doubles, teaming to win the green flight for her second title in the Kentucky Fall Classic ... reached round of 16 in adidas Invitational before losing to #14 Tammy Encina/Majen Immink of Tennessee ... also played in the ITA Midwest Championships and Midwest Blast ... teamed with Emily Neighbours for a match at the Midwest Blast, as well.

AS A FRESHMAN: Saw action in fall of 2002 ... was 7-6 in singles and 6-4 in doubles ... victorious in first collegiate match, beating Miami's (Ohio) Remy Swain ... played with Kelly Nelson for most of fall, winning consolation title in OSU/Prince Cup and reaching semifinals of Eck Classic ... played one match with sister Maggie in adidas Invitational.

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION: Played in two ITA summer circuit events in 2003, winning one match at Ohio State and Notre Dame.

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Liz Donohue ...

"Liz had injuries this summer and didn't get to play much, so she will need to take advantage of being back in action. She is very fast on the court and makes you play a lot of balls. We have been working on her forehand, but her backhand is very good, and she has a great serve. She competes really well, and she's going to be battling for a spot in the lineup because of that. She's hard to play, because she never gives you the same look. She can give you junk or step in and hit it."



#8 **Liz Donohue**

Junior
5-8

Sioux Falls, SD
O'Gorman H.S.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:

Five-time South Dakota state champion (three No. 1 singles, two No. 3) posted 125-1 prep record ... named 2001 South Dakota Girls' Prep Athlete of the Year ... combined with sister, Maggie, to win six consecutive state titles at No. 1 singles ... only loss came in state final at No. 3 as a seventh-grader ... broke sister's school record by earning 12 varsity letters ... set school record in 800 meters ... National Honor Society among many extracurriculars ... sister, Maggie, graduated in '03 after two years on Irish tennis team ... father Dan ('71, cross country), grandfather Phil ('40, golf All-American), and sister Erin ('00) also graduated from Notre Dame ... first-ever Irish women's tennis monogram winner from South Dakota ... born April 19, 1984, in Sioux Falls, S.D. ... tabbed an ITA Scholar-Athlete in 2003 ... named a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in both of first two seasons ... named to Dean's List in fall '02 ... enrolled in the College of Arts & Letters as a pre-professional studies and theology major.



Career Record								
Singles				Doubles				
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall	
2002-03	0-0	7-6	7-6	2002-03	0-0	6-4	6-4	
2003-04	1-1	5-5	6-6	2003-04	0-0	5-4	5-4	
Career	1-1	12-11	13-12	Career	0-0	11-8	11-8	





#8 Kelly Nelson

Junior
5-7

St. Petersburg, FL
Shorecrest Preparatory School

Smart and consistent player has a chance to challenge for playing time ... will miss fall season due to an injury suffered over the summer ... returning to full health will be a priority ... possesses great work ethic and moves well on the court ... good player under pressure ... has worked on her serve and coming to net more ... holds 20-1 mark when winning the opening set ... carries one of team's top cumulative grade-point averages, 3.510 ... two-year monogram winner.

AS A SOPHOMORE:

Posted 9-5 record in singles and 6-3 mark in doubles ... half of her singles matches were three-set affairs (3-4 record) ... lost in three sets in qualifying round of ITA Midwest Championships ... beat Ohio State's Lindsey Adams to take third in the green flight of the Kentucky Fall Classic ... lost at No. 7 in exhibition match against USC ... reached quarterfinals of adidas Invitational ... won two of three matches in Illinois Midwest Blast ... mostly paired with Liz Donohue in doubles, teaming to win the green flight in the Kentucky Fall Classic ... reached round of 16 in adidas Invitational before losing to #14 Tammy Encina/Majen Immink of Tennessee ... also played in the ITA Midwest Championships and Midwest Blast ... teamed with Emily Neighbours for a match at the Midwest Blast, as well.



AS A FRESHMAN: Had a great deal of success in first collegiate fall ... delivered 13-7 record in singles, the best on the team heading into dual matches ... won gold flight championship in Eck Classic ... reached round of 16 in OSU/Prince Cup and "das" flight of adidas Invitational ... only spring action came in Collegiate Tennis Kickoff Classic ... was 12-0 when winning the first set ... played with Liz

Donohue for most of fall, winning consolation title in OSU/Prince Cup and reaching semifinals of Eck Classic.

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION: Won two singles matches in '03 ITA summer circuit event at Notre Dame.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Ranked 65th in singles and eighth in doubles in USTA national 18s rankings ... ranked as high as 16th in singles (16s) ... two-time Florida state singles finalist advanced to doubles semifinals of '02 Easter Bowl and won two state junior doubles titles ... won 100 straight games before dropping one in the district championship match as a senior ... captured national doubles tournament titles on four occasions ... selected for national Federation Cup team in 18s ... two-time conference champion in cross country ... National Honor Society among her many extracurricular activities ... father Steve graduated from Notre Dame in 1972 ... brother Kyle plays tennis at Emory University ... born June 2, 1984, in St. Petersburg, Fla. ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in both of first two seasons ... named an ITA Scholar-Athlete in 2003 ... had 3.863 grade-point average in first collegiate semester to be named to Dean's List ... carries one of team's top cumulative GPAs, 3.510 ... serves as the team's representative to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council ... enrolled in the College of Arts & Letters as a pre-professional studies and anthropology major.

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Kelly Nelson ...

"Kelly worked hard all summer on her serve and on being more aggressive. Her ground strokes are very good, she doesn't make many errors, and she's a solid doubles player. But injuries will keep her from playing until at least January. That is disappointing, because she had put herself into a position to have a shot at playing. She competes really well, especially under pressure, which is a big thing. Having her out at practice every day is always great, because she works hard and does whatever you need her to do."

Career Record							
Year	Singles			Year	Doubles		
	Dual	Open	Overall		Dual	Open	Overall
2002-03	0-0	13-7	13-7	2002-03	0-0	6-5	6-5
2003-04	0-0	9-5	9-5	2003-04	0-0	6-3	6-3
Career	0-0	22-12	22-12	Career	0-0	12-8	12-8





#26 **Kristina Stastny**

Junior
5-6

St. Louis, MO
St. Joseph's Academy

Southpaw should continue to be a key component for Irish this season ... hard work over the summer yielded a big jump in her game ... is mixing aggressiveness with consistency ... has improved approach shots ... good volleyer can open up the court with her wide serve ... scrappy player who has strong mental game ... difficult player to beat ... gets a lot of balls back ... carries 3.432 cumulative GPA ... two-year monogram winner.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Regular in the Irish lineup again, playing Nos. 5 and 6 singles and No. 3 doubles ... finished 16-19 in singles (12-11 dual) and 13-13 (8-7 in dual at No. 3) ... in singles, was 6-9 at No. 5 and 6-2 at No. 6 ... played well in clutch situations, going 3-0 in three-setters with the team outcome undetermined ... started spring at the lower spot and won six of eight matches before being moved up over spring break ... only losses at No. 6 came in match tiebreakers ... won 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 7-5 against Kara Delicata of Michigan in dual opener ... also was victorious against BYU, Indiana, and Illinois, dropping just nine total games in those matches ... gained forfeit win vs. VCU ... top win at No. 5 was a three-set triumph over Audrey Banada to clinch Notre Dame's victory against Miami ... won 6-7, 7-5, 7-5 against Andrea Yung of Northwestern to tie the match at 3-3 in eventual Wildcat victory ... beat Yung in straight sets for only Irish point in second round of NCAA tournament ... struggled most of fall, but was runner-up to Sarah

Foster of the host school in the white flight of the Kentucky Fall Classic ... played No. 4 in exhibition match vs. USC ... also competed in adidas Invitational, ITA Midwest Championships, and Illinois Midwest Blast ... was 8-2 in home matches ... in doubles, played mostly with Sarah Jane Connelly ... the duo was ranked 43rd in the preseason, and went 12-11 together ... opened spring with wins in four of first five matches (two clinching) ... clinched doubles point against Indiana ... won in tiebreaker against Tennessee ... in fall play, lost in round of 16 at adidas Invitational and finished fourth in blue flight of Kentucky Fall Classic ... won at No. 3 in exhibition match against USC ... reached round of 16 in ITA Midwest Championships before falling to #6 Grier/Rush of Northwestern ... lost two of three in Illinois Midwest Blast ... then played three matches with Emily Neighbours, winning against Marquette to clinch the doubles point

AS A FRESHMAN: Provided immediate impact for Irish as a freshman, occupying the No. 4 singles and No. 1 doubles positions ... was ranked as high as 27th in the nation in

doubles with Katie Cunha before finishing 43rd ... finished 29th in singles and eighth in doubles in Midwest Region rankings ... was 22-15 in doubles ... teamed with Cunha from mid-fall to mid-spring, going 12-11 ... in a span of just over a month, the pair notched upset victories against #19 Bunn/Pinchbeck (North Carolina), #13 Adams/McCain (Duke), #22 Castellvi/Schaub (Tennessee), and #19 Grasic/Strohm (Texas) ... provided clinch-



Career High ITA National Ranking: 27th (doubles)

Career-High Doubles Win: #13 Hillary Adams/Kelly McCain (Duke), 8-5; 2/21/03

AWARDS & HONORS

BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Doubles: 2003)
ITA Scholar Athlete (2003)





Miami in the BIG EAST final ... the pair was 5-3 together ... teamed with Alicia Salas in first two fall tournaments, winning five of six matches, including the "das" flight championship in the adidas Invitational ... also reached quarterfinals of OSU/Prince Cup ... finished 18-17 in singles ... started and ended season at No. 3, while playing No. 4 for the majority of the time ... clinched Irish win vs. Western Michigan in dual-match debut ... also provided clinching victories vs. Virginia Tech, Texas, and Iowa (a 4-3 Irish win) ... other notable wins came vs. Tennessee,

Ohio State and Indiana.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:

Top-25 junior player won three national doubles titles - 1999 and 2001 National Clay Courts and 2001 National Indoors ... in singles, reached semifinals in '01 National Indoors and finals of '88 National Clay Courts ... winner of 2002 MVTA Sportsmanship Award ... became first player to win four Missouri state championships in singles ... posted undefeated record as a senior at St. Joseph's Academy ... four-time conference and regional champion ... served as team captain as a senior ... named team MVP four times ... earned all-conference, all-city, and all-state honors in each of her four prep seasons ... named athlete of the year and scholar-athlete of the year in 2002 ... also participated in track in high school ... was a member of National Honor Society ... brother Yan played two years on Notre Dame hockey team, ranking third on team with 14 goals in 2002-03, before turning pro and joining Nuremberg Ice Tigers in Germany ... sister Katarina plays tennis at George Washington University ... father Peter is a member of the NHL Hall of Fame and is the highest-scoring European player in NHL history ... born December 16, 1983, in Québec, Canada ... member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in both of first two seasons ... named an ITA Scholar-Athlete in 2003 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major.

ing victories to give Irish 1-0 lead vs. #5 North Carolina and #13 Texas ... also at No. 1, was 1-0 with Lauren Connelly and 1-3 with Jennifer Smith ... in fall action, reached round of 16, with Cunha, in Omni Hotels Midwest Championships and final of Eck Classic, posting 5-2 mark ... playing No. 2 in the postseason, teamed with Sarah Jane Connelly for biggest Notre Dame victory of season, holding on for 8-6 win over de Villiers/Smith in the final match on court with the score tied 3-3 vs.

Kentucky, Wake Forest, and Illinois ... did not complete a match in the NCAA tournament ... was 7-5 in fall action, finishing third in the blue flight of the Eck Classic ... reached round of 16 in OSU/Prince Cup and won a match in Midwest Championships ... was 16-3 when winning the first set ... won four of five match tiebreakers.

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION:

Played in three ITA summer circuit events in 2003, reaching singles quarterfinals at

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Kristina Stastny ...

"Kiki has made perhaps as big a jump as anyone this fall. She worked hard all summer, played a couple tournaments, and worked very hard on being more consistent while being aggressive. She's always been aggressive and would like to come in, but she's been inconsistent with doing it in the past. Her approach shots are key for her, and she is hitting them well, where in the past, she would sometimes set up a point, get an easy ball, and miss it. She will be very important for us, because she is going to be a person in the middle of our lineup that we need to win."

Career Record							
Singles				Doubles			
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall
2002-03	11-12	7-5	18-17	2002-03	12-12	10-3	22-15
2003-04	12-11	4-8	16-19	2003-04	8-7	5-6	13-13
Career	23-23	11-13	34-36	Career	20-19	15-9	35-28





#84 **Jennifer Smith**

Junior
5-9

Charlotte, NC
South Mecklenburg H.S.

Athletic player will try to recover from shoulder surgery to regain form that saw her contribute in both singles and doubles in rookie season ... missed all of 2003-04 with injury and resumed hitting over the summer ... has worked hard and only lacks match experience ... plays an all-around game ... boasts big groundstrokes and a dangerous serve ... also has solid slice backhand ... needs to work on her footspeed ... outstanding academic performer carries team-high 3.757 cumulative GPA ... earned monogram in 2002-03 to become first-ever Irish women's tennis monogram winner from North Carolina.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Missed entire 2003-04 season after undergoing shoulder surgery in fall.

AS A FRESHMAN: Earned starting position in doubles lineup in 2002-03, while also seeing some time in singles ... posted 21-16 mark in partnered play, including 11-9 at No. 3 doubles ... finished season teaming with Caylan Leslie ... the pair was 8-4, including a five-match winning streak ... provided clinching doubles win in 4-3 victory against Iowa ... won in BIG EAST final, setting up 4-3 Irish triumph over Miami ... also had victories against Kentucky, Wake Forest, Texas, and William & Mary ... were undefeated in five home matches ... started the spring playing with Sarah Jane Connelly ... helped Irish win doubles point against North Carolina ... the two played together

throughout the fall season, going 9-4 ... reached semifinals of OSU/Prince Cup and Eck Classic ... also played four matches at No. 1 with Katie Cunha, winning vs. Purdue and losing twice against top-25 teams ... was 10-11 in singles, including 5-4 at No. 6 ... won vs. Western Michigan in dual-match debut ... clinched Irish victory vs. Missouri in first round of NCAAs ... also had wins vs. Wisconsin, Boston College, and Indiana ... was 5-7 in fall play ... posted 9-2 mark when winning opening set.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:

Ranked 26th in USTA national 18s singles rankings, including 10th among '02 high school graduates ... won 2000 National 16s Hard Court doubles title... competed in national and international junior tennis since age 11, precluding her from playing prep tennis due to the travel and training ... participated in 1999 World Youth Cup in Costa Rica ... singles finalist at 1998 Easter Bowl in 14s ... finished fifth in 1997 National 14s Clay Court Championships ... winner of two national sportsmanship awards, including the Maureen Connelly Brinker Award ... ranked #1 in south section in 12s and 14s ... ranked fourth nationally in 14s ... was a member of National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society ... born April 2, 1984, in Laurinburg, N.C. ... boasts team-best 3.757 cumulative grade-point average ... has been above 3.850 in three of four semesters ... earned 3.933 GPA in first colle-

giate semester to be named to Dean's List ... also gained Dean's List mention in both semesters of sophomore year, including a 3.926 in fall '03 ... named a BIG EAST Academic All-Star and ITA Scholar-Athlete in 2003 ... enrolled in the College of Arts & Letters as a sociology and computer applications double major.



Head Coach Jay Louderback on Jennifer Smith ...

"Jen is coming off shoulder surgery, and she was able to hit a lot this summer for the first time. This fall, we will work on her getting to play more, which is necessary for her to regain her form. She's hitting the ball very well and has been playing well in practice. As soon as she gets some match experience, she is going to be right there in the mix for a spot in the lineup. We're very excited to have her back. She's working very hard."

Career Record

Singles				Doubles			
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall
2002-03	5-4	5-7	10-11	2002-03	12-12	9-4	21-16
2003-04	0-0	0-0	0-0	2003-04	0-0	0-0	0-0
Career	5-4	5-7	10-11	Career	12-12	9-4	21-16





#13 Catrina Thompson

Sophomore
5-5

Las Vegas, NV
Bishop Gorman H.S.



Powerful player was an important factor in Irish success last season, filling No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles positions ... has made a huge jump since rookie campaign ... ranked seventh in doubles and 103rd in singles in preseason national rankings ... along with twin sister Christian, became first all-freshman doubles team since VCU's Martina Nedelkova and Andrea Ondrisova in 1998 to earn a bid to the NCAA Doubles Championship, losing in three sets in round of 16 ... Thompsons joined Wendy Crabtree as the only Irish freshmen ever to play in the event ... was one-half of the nation's top 18-and-under doubles team prior to arrival at Notre Dame ... athletic and plays a big game ... has huge forehand and serve, which have become more consistent ... should provide Irish strong results at the top of the lineup ... earned monogram in 2003-04.



AS A FRESHMAN: Combined with twin sister Christian to be first all-freshman duo since 1998 - and first-ever Irish all-freshman team - to gain a berth in the NCAA Doubles Championship ... upset #15 Jennifer McGaffigan/ Cynthia Goulet of Illinois in three sets before losing in three against #26 Megan Muth/Amy Wei of William & Mary ... finished season ranked season-high 26th ... became first all-freshman team ever named to BIG EAST Championship all-tournament team ... first all-rookie duo to play No. 1 for the Irish since 1993 ... had 22-17 mark, including five victories against ranked opponents ... also stepped into singles lineup at No. 3, going 12-10 in dual

matches and 20-15 overall ... was ranked as high as 84th in singles and, at one point, was nationally-ranked in both singles and doubles ... listed 15th in singles and seventh in doubles in Midwest Region rankings after fall season and ended third in doubles ... played No. 1 doubles in every dual match, opening the spring 6-2 ... highlight of season was 9-8 (7-5) upset of second-ranked team in college tennis, Cristelle Grier and Jessica Rush of Northwestern, on April 15 ... it was the highest-ranked team to fall victim to an Irish pair since 2001 ... also posted upsets of #37 Kinard/Lam of Virginia Tech and #22 Applebaum/Bradley of Miami to clinch doubles points in Irish wins ... victory over Hurricane duo was by 8-6 score in last match on court ... also clinched doubles point in regular-season victory against #20 BYU and in BIG EAST semifinals vs. Hokies ... upset #45 Schlukebir/Tyan of Indiana on Feb. 29 ... posted 9-5 mark in fall play ... reached quarterfinals of ITA Midwest Championships before losing to #31 Goulet/McGaffigan of Illinois ... won consolation title in blue flight of Kentucky Fall Classic ... fell to #17 Gordon/Rotondi of Florida in quarters of adidas Invitational ... lost four of five tiebreakers throughout the season ... after losing in first career dual match in singles, won seven straight matches, clinching Irish victories on four occasions ... clinched 4-3 Irish upset of #14 VCU that snapped Rams' 40-match home winning streak

and 38-match regular-season winning streak ... other notable wins came against BYU, Indiana, and Texas ... upset two players in going 8-5 in fall action ... defeated #69 Andrea Yung of Northwestern in first career tournament en route to semifinals of "das" flight of adidas Invitational ... topped #39 Megan Muth of William & Mary in Kentucky Fall Classic ... reached final of that event before falling to Aibika Kalsarjeva of Kentucky ... played No. 2 in exhibition match against USC ... defeated Miami's Mari Toro and Illinois' Isabel Jarosz in Midwest Blast ... was 18-3 when winning the first set and 10-5 against Midwest Region opponents.

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION: Had outstanding singles and doubles results in pro tournaments in summer of '03 ... in WTA world rankings, listed as high as 1,006th in singles and 573rd in doubles, with sister Christian.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: One of top junior players in the country ... combined with twin sister Christian to form the #1 doubles team in the nation in USTA Girls' 18s ... ranked 39th in singles and was the 16th-highest ranked player entering college in 2003 ... won national doubles titles on all surfaces ... among notable 18s doubles titles, were the 2001 Super National Winter Championship, the '01 National Clay Courts, '02 National Grass Court Championship, and Easter Bowl ... reached final of '02 National Clay Courts and semis in '03 National Hard Courts ... played in girls' doubles draw at U.S. Open ... earned All-America honors all four years at Bishop Gorman High School, going undefeated throughout her career ... helped Bishop Gorman to the Nevada state championship and won doubles title ... three-time state champion and team MVP won conference and regional titles on four occasions ... one-half of second set of twins to play women's tennis at Notre Dame, joining Laura and Sheila Cronin ('79) ... co-valedictorian and Silver State Scholar also was active in National Honor Society ... was in same class as Irish women's basketball player Breona Gray at Bishop Gorman ... cousin John Hudek ('01) also attended Notre Dame ... born September 13, 1984, in Las Vegas, Nev. ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in 2004 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business.

Career High ITA National Rankings: 84th (singles), 7th (doubles)
Career-High Singles Win: #39 Megan Muth (William & Mary), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; 10/4/03
Career-High Doubles Win: #2 Cristelle Grier/Jessica Rush (Northwestern), 9-8 (7-5); 4/15/04

AWARDS & HONORS
 NCAA Doubles Championship Qualifier (2004)
 BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Doubles: 2004)

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Catrina Thompson...

"Catrina has made a huge jump. She has a big game: a huge forehand, a very big serve, and she's aggressive in starting to come to the net more. She has become more consistent with her serve and her forehand. Last year, if those two things were working, she could beat anyone. Right now she's playing a huge game and is making her forehand most of the time, while still hitting it hard. She also has cut down on double faults, which will make a huge difference in her game. She is going to be able to play high for us and do really well."

Career Record							
Year	Singles			Year	Doubles		
	Dual	Open	Overall		Dual	Open	Overall
2003-04	12-10	8-5	20-15	2003-04	12-11	10-6	22-17



Impact player stepped immediately into Irish lineups at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles and excelled ... ranked seventh in preseason national doubles rankings ... along with twin sister Catrina, became first all-freshman doubles team since VCU's Martina Nedelkova and Andrea Ondrisova in 1998 to earn a bid to the NCAA Doubles Championship, losing in three sets in round of 16 ... Thompsons join Wendy Crabtree as the only Irish freshmen ever to play in the event ... became first Irish rookie to play in the top two singles slots since current assistant coach Michelle Dasso in 1998 ... was one-half of the nation's top 18-and-under doubles team prior

to arrival at Notre Dame ... solid all-around player who is a great competitor ... quick player with a big backhand ... very consistent ... has exceptional touch at the net ... has worked on finishing points at the net and developing her serve into more of a weapon ... earned monogram in 2003-04.

AS A FRESHMAN: Combined with twin sister Catrina to be first all-freshman duo since 1998 - and first-ever Irish all-freshman team - to gain a berth in the NCAA Doubles Championship ... upset #15 Jennifer McGaffigan/Cynthia Goulet of Illinois in three sets before losing in three against #26 Megan Muth/Amy Wei of William & Mary ... finished season ranked season-high 26th ... became first all-freshman team ever named to BIG EAST Championship all-tournament team ... also earned mention in singles ... first all-rookie duo to play No. 1 for the Irish since 1993 ... had 22-17 mark, including five victories against ranked opponents ... also became first rookie since current assistant coach Michelle Dasso in 1998 to play in top two in Irish singles lineup, filling No. 2 position all season ... posted 13-8 mark in dual matches and led team in overall victories with 25-13 record ... earned first career singles national ranking in January (88th) ... listed 11th in singles and seventh in doubles in Midwest Region rankings after fall season and finished 15th and third, respectively ... played No. 1 doubles in every dual match, opening the spring 6-2 ... highlight of season was 9-8 (7-5) upset of second-ranked team in college tennis, Cristelle Grier and Jessica Rush of Northwestern, on April 15 ... it was the highest-ranked team to fall victim to an Irish pair since 2001 ... also posted upsets of #37 Kinard/Lam of Virginia Tech and #22 Applebaum/Bradley of Miami to clinch doubles points in Irish wins ... victory over Hurricane duo was by 8-6 score in last match on court ... also clinched doubles point in regular-season victory against BYU and in BIG EAST semifinals vs. Hokies ... upset #45 Schlukebir/Tran of Indiana on Feb. 29 ... posted 9-5 mark

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Christian Thompson ...

"We're trying to get Christian to improve on a couple of things: getting more pace on her volleys so she can end points with them and making her serve more of a weapon. She tends to make a lot of balls, she places them well, she runs people around, but she doesn't finish points as well as she should, especially at the net. Her serve is pretty consistent, but it doesn't get her any free points, so we're trying to change that. But she competes really well. She's very fast, and we are expecting her to play high and do well for us."



#31 Christian Thompson

Sophomore
5-6

Las Vegas, NV
Bishop Gorman H.S.



in fall play ... reached quarterfinals of ITA Midwest Championships before losing to #31 Goulet/McGaffigan of Illinois ... won consolation title in blue flight of Kentucky Fall Classic ... fell to #17 Gordon/Rotondi of Florida in quarters of adidas Invitational ... lost four of five tiebreakers throughout the season ... played No. 2 singles for Irish all spring, finishing season having won seven of last eight matches ... posted first career win over ranked opponent in 6-4, 6-0 upset of #109 Lena Sherbakov of William & Mary ... lost in three sets to #92 Michelle DaCosta of Michigan in first career dual match, but then won five of next six matches ... had three clinching victories ... defeated Melissa Applebaum in three sets to help Irish to 5-2 upset of #18 Miami ... saved four championship points against Applebaum in BIG EAST final, forcing a third set before match was abandoned ... won opening set and was ahead in third set when contest was abandoned against both Lee Bairos of North Carolina and #44 Jessica Rush of Northwestern ... had notable victories against #20 BYU and #14 Texas ... shared team lead in fall singles victories with 12-5 record ... won six matches in advancing through qualifying and reaching quarterfinals of ITA Midwest Championships before losing to eventual champion #4 Grier ... that snapped an eight-match winning streak ... beat Bernadette Bayani of USC at No. 5 in exhibition dual match ... lost to Kentucky's Sarah Fisher in three sets in finishing third in white flight of Kentucky Fall Classic ... topped Miami's Staci Stevens and fell in three sets to Tiffany Eklov of Illinois in Midwest Blast ... was 21-2 when winning the opening set and 14-6 against Midwest Region players ... only four losses came

against players not in national rankings ... played 12 three-set matches (5-4-3 record) and two match tiebreakers (1-1).

IN NON-COLLEGIATE ACTION: Had outstanding singles and doubles results in pro tournaments in summer of '03 ... in WTA world rankings, listed as high as 936th in singles and 573rd in doubles, with sister Catrina.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: One of top junior players in the country ... combined with twin sister Catrina to form the No. 1 doubles team in the nation in USTA Girls' 18s ... ranked 11th in singles and was the fifth-highest ranked player entering college this fall ... won national doubles titles on all surfaces ... among notable 18s doubles titles, were the 2001 Super National Winter Championship, the '01 National Clay Courts, '02 National Grass Court Championship, and Easter Bowl ... reached final of '02 National Clay Courts and semis in '03 National Hard Courts ... played in girls' doubles draw at U.S. Open ... was undefeated in USTA girls' 12s Challenge Cup to be ranked first in the nation ... earned All-America honors all four years at Bishop Gorman High School, going undefeated throughout her career ... helped prep team to the Nevada state championship and won doubles title ... three-time state champion and team MVP won regional titles on four occasions ... gained all-conference honors on four occasions, helping Bishop Gorman to four conference titles ... also earned varsity letter in track as a freshman ... one-half of second set of twins to play women's tennis at Notre Dame, joining Laura and Sheila Cronin ('79) ... active in National Honor Society and named a Silver State Scholar ... was in same class as Irish women's basketball player Breona Gray at Bishop Gorman ... cousin John Hudek ('01) also attended Notre Dame ... born September 13, 1984, in Las Vegas ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in 2004 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business.

Career High ITA National Rankings: 88th (singles), 7th (doubles)
Career-High Singles Win: #109 Lena Sherbakov (William & Mary), 6-4, 6-0; 4/10/04
Career-High Doubles Win: #2 Cristelle Grier/Jessica Rush (Northwestern), 9-8 (7-5); 4/15/04

AWARDS & HONORS
NCAA Doubles Championship Qualifier (2004)
Two-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Singles: 2004; Doubles: 2004)

Career Record							
Singles				Doubles			
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall
2003-04	13-8	12-5	25-13	2003-04	12-11	10-6	22-17





#7 Brook Buck

*Freshman
5-7*

*Yukon, OK
Oklahoma Christian School*

Former national #1 player in singles and doubles and four-time Oklahoma state singles champion is expected to immediately help the Irish in both singles and doubles ... athletic player is very quick ... big backhand is her most effective weapon ... also has a good serve ... great doubles player is outstanding volleyer ... needs to come to the net more in singles ... has tremendous potential.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Ranked #1 in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) 16-and-under national rankings in both singles and doubles in 2002 ... had outstanding prep career at Oklahoma Christian School, win-



ning four Oklahoma state championships at No. 1 singles to become just the fourth player to do so ... ranked 11th in the USTA 18-and-under national rankings in 2004 ... five-time USTA national doubles champion ... in 2002, won titles at Winter National Championships, the Spring Super National Championships, and Super National Hardcourt Championships ... runner-up in singles play at the '02 Super National Hardcourt Championships ... 2003 Oklahoma and Missouri Valley section Player of the Year ... also earned four letters in cheerleading ... student body secretary and member of the National Honor Society ... father,

Tony, and uncle, Rick Buck, played football at Oklahoma State ... grandfather, Richard Buck, played football at North Carolina ... cousin, Rachel Cody, plays field hockey at Northwestern ... cousin, Buck Cody, plays baseball at Texas ... born Dec. 31, 1985, in Oklahoma City, Okla. ... daughter of Gayle and Tony Buck ... three siblings ... intends to major in psychology ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Brook Buck ...

"Brook has a lot of national junior experience and is a very good athlete. She has a big backhand and is working to become more consistent on her forehand. She also has a very good serve and is a great doubles player that volleys really well. She tends to like to hit too many ground strokes, which is what most juniors do coming into college. Once she starts coming to the net more, she is going to be very, very good."

Local product joins the Irish as a non-scholarship player ... daughter of Notre Dame head coach Jay Louderback was Penn High School's top player in 2002 and '03 ... forehand and serve are among her strengths ... boasts good work ethic and is a team player ... needs to get quicker.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Four-year letterwinner in tennis at Penn High School ... graduated in 2003 and took a year off to train before enrolling in college ... No. 1 singles player for Penn as a junior and senior ... team



#5 Bailey Louderback

*Freshman
5-6*

*South Bend, IN
Penn H.S.*

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Bailey Louderback ...

"The big thing for Bailey will simply be to get experience and work on raising the level of her game. She switched to a one-handed backhand a year and a half ago, and that is still a work in progress. But her backhand slice and her volleys have improved. Her serve and forehand are good, and she is working on getting a little quicker, which will be necessary for her to move to the next level."

MVP her sophomore year and team captain as a senior ... competed in the 2002 North/South all-star game ... father, Jay, is in his 16th year as Notre Dame's head coach ... father and aunt, Jan Krisik, both played tennis at Wichita State ... grandfather, JC Louderback, was a member of the Southwestern tennis squad ... attended same high school as current Notre Dame athletes Wade Iams (football) and Jamie Lutkus (swimming) ... daughter of Denise and Jay Louderback ... born July 5, 1985, in Wichita, Kan. ... intends to major in business ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.



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