



ND Season

in Review

Kristina Stastny was a key factor in Notre Dame turning around its fortunes in close matches late in 2004-05, as she won three-set matches in the final match on court to hand the Irish 4-3 victories against both #16 William & Mary and Indiana.

Thompsons' Doubles Success, Many Close Matches Define 2004-05 Season*Sophomores turn in best season ever for an Irish doubles duo, though team goes 3-5 in 4-3 matches*

The 2004-05 campaign for the Notre Dame women's tennis team will be remembered as the one that saw sophomore twins Catrina and Christian Thompson break through, turning in the best season ever by an Irish doubles team. On the team front, Notre Dame won its sixth BIG EAST championship, reached the round of 32 in the NCAA tournament, and finished 15-10 and ranked 24th in the nation, the program's 13th consecutive finish in the national top 30. The spring was marked by a succession of close matches, as the Irish lost four times by 4-3 scores against top-20 teams – three times when being the first team to reach three points – during a 16-day span in February and then won three of four 4-3 affairs in another 16-day stretch near the end of the season.

"I think we had a good year and played well at times," says Notre Dame head coach Jay Louderback.

"Our problem was winning close matches. We just lost so many 4-3 matches – and ones that we were ahead in. That happened early in the year, and that really set a tone for the rest of the year. If we had pulled out a couple of those early matches, I think it would have made a big difference the rest of the year. But by the end of the year, we were playing better. We won a couple of really close 4-3 matches and played well at the BIG EAST and had a good NCAA. We had a chance to beat Northwestern in the second round."

The Thompsons posted a 28-7 record together, including 19-4 at No. 1 doubles and 15-4 against nationally-ranked opponents. The twins were ranked among the national top 10 in doubles during the entire season, peaking at #1 on Feb. 22. It was the first time an Irish duo had ever reached the top spot. The Thompsons finished the season ranked fifth and posted a 6-3 record (their only non-dual defeats) in the ITA grand slams, the best ever for an Irish team. They became the first ND squad to reach the title match of a grand slam, falling 8-3 to the team of Whitney Benik and Lolita Frangulyan from Florida in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships. The sisters followed that up by reaching the semifinals of the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships and the round of 16 for the second straight year in the NCAA Doubles Championship. The ND duo posted an 8-2 record vs. top-15 squads, including a 4-1 mark vs. higher-ranked opponents that was highlighted by an upset of the then-#1 team of Dianne Hollands and Maja Mlakar from Arizona.

The dual-match season saw the Irish start 3-1, with a pair of wins over top-30 teams and the lone defeat coming against #6 Vanderbilt. But the month of February would prove a difficult one. It began on Feb. 11 at #17 Harvard, when Notre Dame went up 3-1, but could not get another point, losing a trio of three-setters in a 4-3 defeat. The next weekend, the Irish were on the verge of their first-ever victory (in 12 all-time meetings) against Duke, ranked fifth nationally. ND went up 3-0 and had one-set advantages in



Christian (left) and Catrina Thompson – shown here with tennis legend Pam Shriver – became the first Notre Dame doubles team ever to reach the title match of an ITA grand slam, finishing as the runner-up in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships, which helped propel them to the #1 national ranking.

two other matches, but the Blue Devils stormed back to win all four remaining contests – a trio of three-setters – to escape. Two days later, Notre Dame got up 3-2 on #9 North Carolina, but dropped two three-set affairs in another 4-3 defeat. The following weekend it was #13 Texas who would follow suit, handing one more 4-3 loss to ND.

The Irish would turn things around later in the season. Following a 4-3 defeat at Wisconsin in the last match of March, it was junior Kristina Stastny who came through in three-set matches in the last contest remaining to hand Notre Dame 4-3 victories against #16 William & Mary and at Indiana on consecutive days. Three days later, another junior, Lauren Connelly, came through in the clutch, winning with the score tied at 3-3 at Illinois.

Notre Dame earned the top seed in the BIG EAST Conference Championship and made quick work of the field, earning 4-0 victories against St. John's and Syracuse to win its sixth title in dominating fashion. Catrina Thompson was the first Irish player in four years to be tabbed the event's Most Outstanding Tournament Performer. She highlighted the BIG EAST all-tournament teams, which saw Notre Dame take up four of the six spots in singles, as well as two of three in doubles. Both Thompsons and sophomore Brook Buck earned all-tournament accolades in singles and doubles, and Sarah Jane Connelly was a singles selection, while her sister, Lauren, gained doubles mention.

The Irish earned an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament and were sent back to regional rival Northwestern for the second year in a row and third time in four seasons. Notre Dame – making its 10th consecutive appearance in the NCAA and 12th in the past 13 seasons – beat Iowa 4-1 in the opening round before falling 4-0 against the sixth-ranked hosts in the second round. The Wildcats rallied to win a tiebreaker at No. 2 in the final match remaining to claim the doubles point, and Notre Dame could not recover.

The Thompsons then headed to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. Catrina, making her first singles appearance, prevailed in the opening round and then fell in the second. The doubles draw

would produce a similar result, as the twins won easily in their first match only to be knocked off in the round of 16 for the second year in a row. The Thompsons – who finished the season ranked fifth – were tabbed ITA All-Americans for their doubles prowess, becoming the first Notre Dame sisters in any sport ever to do so (and first twins, male or female).

It was arguably the best season ever for Irish doubles. Only one ND team had ever posted over 26 victories in a season prior to 2004-05. In addition to the Thompsons, Buck – who finished ranked 83rd in singles – and Lauren Connelly were 27-12 together, and Stastny and Sarah Jane Connelly went 24-10 as a team. ND won the doubles point in 19 matches.

The bid to the NCAA singles tournament only capped an outstanding season for Catrina in unpartnered play. She was the first Irish sopho-

more since 1999 to play No. 1 singles, and she responded by making No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles the two winningest positions in Notre Dame's lineup. She was 17-8 in singles and 21-4 in doubles, with all of those matches at the top spots. The highlight of her season came in the regular-season match with Northwestern, when she upset then-#3 Audra Cohen 6-2, 6-2. It proved to be the only straight-set defeat for the freshman phenom, who began the year with 23 consecutive victories, claiming the singles title in the All-American Championships, and went 52-7 overall.

Notre Dame again suffered from playing an extremely-difficult schedule, as 18 of its 25 matches were against teams that earned bids to the NCAA tournament. The Irish went 8-10 against them. ND played just three unranked teams the entire season (two in the BIG EAST tournament) and had nearly half of their matches come against top-25 foes, winning twice in 11 tries with the quartet of 4-3 defeats. Still in individual action, Notre Dame proved to be outstanding against the best competition, as Irish players combined for a 22-24 record in singles against nationally-ranked players, plus a 17-7 mark in doubles vs. ranked foes.

ND had just one senior, team captain Sarah Jane Connelly, who concluded a career in which she was a contributor in both singles and doubles throughout. She graduated with the Irish record for victories that clinched the doubles point (22) and won the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award for embodying the true spirit of Notre Dame.

"We will miss Sarah Jane a lot," says Louderback. "She was very solid in singles and doubles. But even more than that, she was a great leader off the court. She kept our kids together and helped them stay upbeat when we lost some close matches. She played wherever we needed her in singles or doubles, and never was a problem. She was the type of leader that you want as a senior. She wanted nothing but the best for the team. You don't see that much any more, and I can't say enough about what a great job she did as a team captain."



SINGLES

Player	Open	Dual	Overall	Career	Region	In 3 Sets	Match TB	Streak
Brook Buck	10-3	13-9	23-12	23-12	11-5	2-4	3-0	W1
Lauren Connelly	10-2	12-11	22-13	59-44	10-7	5-3	4-0	L3
Sarah Jane Connelly	9-3	7-5	16-8	77-52	7-5	2-3	4-1	W4
Liz Donohue	10-3	7-9	17-12	30-24	11-3	2-3	1-2	W3
Bailey Louderback	0-8		0-8	0-8	0-5			L8
Kelly Nelson				22-12				W2
Jennifer Smith	3-2	0-1	3-3	13-14	1-3		1-0	L2
Kristina Stastny	9-3	13-9	22-12	56-48	11-4	3-2	3-2	W1
Catrina Thompson	7-2	17-8	24-10	44-25	11-3	2-2	2-1	L1
Christian Thompson	3-2	10-8	13-10	38-23	5-5	2-4		L1
Totals	61-28	79-60	140-88	362-262	61-40	18-21	18-6	

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	Career Dual	Clinching Wins	With Match Tied 3-3
Brook Buck		13-9					13-9	13-9	2	
Lauren Connelly			3-1	7-10	2-0		12-11	36-32	3	1-2
Sarah Jane Connelly					2-2	5-3	7-5	45-36	1	0-1
Liz Donohue					0-1	7-8	7-9	8-10		
Jennifer Smith					0-1		0-1	5-5		
Kristina Stastny			0-2	4-3	9-4		13-9	36-32	5	2-0
Catrina Thompson	17-8						17-8	29-18	3	
Christian Thompson			10-8				10-8	23-16	1	0-1
Totals	17-8	13-9	13-11	11-13	13-8	12-11	79-60	204-151	15	3-4

DOUBLES

Player	Open	Dual	Overall	Career	Career Dual	Region	Tiebreakers	Streak
Brook Buck	11-3	16-9	27-12	27-12	16-9	13-6	1-2	L1
Lauren Connelly	11-3	16-9	27-12	74-32	49-21	13-6	1-2	L1
Sarah Jane Connelly	10-3	15-8	25-11	81-57	51-36	12-5	2-2	L1
Liz Donohue	5-7		5-7	16-15		3-4	0-1	L2
Bailey Louderback	3-5		3-5	3-5		2-3	0-1	L2
Kelly Nelson				12-8				W1
Jennifer Smith	2-2	1-1	3-3	24-19	13-13	2-1	0-1	W1
Kristina Stastny	10-3	16-7	26-10	61-38	36-26	12-5	2-1	L1
Catrina Thompson	9-3	21-4	30-7	52-24	34-16	8-2	1-0	L1
Christian Thompson	9-3	19-4	28-7	50-24	32-16	7-2	1-0	L1

Team	#1	#2	#3	Dual	Open	Overall	Career	Clinching Wins	As Last Match On Court
Buck/L. Connelly		16-9		16-9	11-3	27-12	27-12	6	1-3
S.J. Connelly/Smith			1-1	1-1		1-1	13-10		0-1
S.J. Connelly/Stastny			14-7	14-7	10-3	24-10	41-24	6	1-0
Donohue/Louderback					3-5	3-5	3-5		
Donohue/Smith					2-2	2-2	2-2		
Stastny/Ca. Thompson	2-0			2-0		2-0	2-0		
Thompson/Thompson	19-4			19-4	9-3	28-7	50-24	7	2-0
Totals	21-4	16-9	15-8	52-21	35-16	87-37	135-77	19	4-4

Final ITA Midwest Region Rankings

- Team**
- Northwestern
 - Notre Dame**
 - Wisconsin
 - Michigan
 - Indiana
 - Iowa
 - Purdue
 - Illinois
 - Western Michigan
 - DePaul
 - Ohio State
 - Michigan State
 - Minnesota
 - Illinois-Chicago
 - Miami (Ohio)

- Singles**
- Catrina Thompson 4th
 - Brook Buck 9th
 - Christian Thompson 26th
- Doubles**
- Thompson/Thompson 2nd
 - Buck/L. Connelly 10th

Brook Buck was nationally-ranked in singles throughout the spring portion of her rookie season, peaking at 59th and finishing 83rd.



ITA RANKINGS

Brook Buck
 Preseason: n/a
 Jan. 11: 85
 Feb. 22: 60
 March 8: 59
 March 22: 100
 April 5: 90
 April 19: 102
 April 26: 93
 May 2: 87
 Final: 83

Catrina Thompson
 Preseason: 103
 Jan. 11: 69
 Feb. 22: 32
 March 8: 39
 March 22: 44
 April 5: 37
 April 19: 37
 April 26: 37
 May 2: 44
 Final: 46

Buck/L. Connelly
 Preseason: --
 Jan. 11: --
 Feb. 22: --
 March 8: --
 March 22: --
 April 5: --
 April 19: 59
 April 26: --
 May 2: --
 Final: --

Thompson/Thompson
 Preseason: 7
 Jan. 11: 2
 Feb. 22: 1
 March 8: 2
 March 22: 2
 April 5: 4
 April 19: 5
 April 26: 5
 May 2: 6
 Final: 5

Note: Freshmen and all-freshman doubles teams were not eligible for the preseason rankings.





Team captain Sarah Jane Connelly – who finished her career with an Irish-record 22 victories that clinched the doubles point – paired with Kristina Stastny to win 8-6 in the final match on court to hand Notre Dame a 1-0 lead against #13 Texas.

#21 Notre Dame 6, #49 Ohio State 1 January 22, 2005 -- Columbus, Ohio (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: *#69 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Emily DeCamilla (OSU) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 2: #85 Brook Buck (ND) def. Lindsey Adams (OSU) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Caitlin O'Keefe (OSU) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Kristin Messmer (OSU) 6-2, 5-7, 1-0 (8)
- No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Lindsay Bryan (OSU) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 6: Sonia Ruzimovsky (OSU) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 6-3, 2-6, 1-0 (8)

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. O'Keefe/Anna Volberg (OSU) 8-4
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Adams/Ruzimovsky (OSU) 8-5
- No. 3: *S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. DeCamilla/Meredith Vincent (OSU) 8-5

#6 Vanderbilt 6, #21 Notre Dame 1 January 23, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #38 Audra Falk (VU) def. #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 2: Taka Bertrand (VU) def. #85 Brook Buck (ND) 6-4, 6-2
- No. 3: #116 Amanda Fish (VU) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Annie Menees (VU) 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 1-0 (6)
- No. 5: *Amanda Taylor (VU) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 6: Caroline Ferrell (VU) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 7-6 (9-7), 7-5

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #35 Falk/Menees (VU) 8-6
- No. 2: #20 Bertrand/Fish (VU) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 9-7
- No. 3: Ferrell/Taylor (VU) def. Sarah Jane Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-0

#21 Notre Dame 7, #20 Michigan 0 January 26, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) d. #44 Michelle DaCosta (M) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 2: #85 Brook Buck (ND) def. #95 Elizabeth Exon (M) 6-4, 7-6 (7-2)
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Kara Delicata (M) 7-5, 6-2
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Leanne Rutherford (M) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Nina Yafatti (M) 7-5, 6-0
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Debra Streifler (M) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: *#2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #15 DaCosta/Delicata (M) 8-5
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Rutherford/Streifler (M) 8-2
- No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Exon/Yafatti (M) 8-5

#21 Notre Dame 5, #30 Wake Forest 2 January 30, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #77 Ashlee Davis (WF) d. #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) 7-6 (5), 2-6, 1-0 (8)
- No. 2: #85 Brook Buck (ND) def. #16 Karin Coetzee (WF) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Katie Martzolf (WF) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Danielle Schwartz (WF) 6-4, 6-4
- No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Jenna Loeb (WF) 6-3, 6-1
- No. 6: Alexandra Hirsch (WF) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #33 Coetzee/Davis (WF) 8-3
- No. 2: *Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Martzolf/Schwartz (WF) 8-1
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) d. Blakeley Offutt/Alisha Talbot (WF) 8-1

#17 Harvard 4, #21 Notre Dame 3 February 11, 2005 -- Cambridge, Mass. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #27 Courtney Bergman (H) 6-1, 6-4
- No. 2: #104 Elsa O'Riain (H) def. #85 Brook Buck (ND) 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-3
- No. 3: #45 Susanna Lingman (H) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 7-6, 6-7, 6-0
- No. 4: #123 Celia Durkin (H) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-2, 7-5
- No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. #93 Preethi Mukundan (H) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3
- No. 6: Alexs Martire (H) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #48 Bergman/O'Riain (H) 8-4
- No. 2: #Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Melissa Anderson/Durkin (H) 9-7
- No. 3: Mukundan/Eva Wang (H) def. S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-2

#21 Notre Dame 7, #60 Boston College 0 February 13, 2005 -- Chestnut Hill, Mass. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Szilvia Szegedi (BC) 6-3, 1-0, ret.
- No. 2: *#85 Brook Buck (ND) def. Nida Waseem (BC) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Lindsey Nash (BC) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Morgan Landes (BC) 6-0, 4-6, 1-0 (11)
- No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Amy Molden (BC) 6-3, 6-0
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Gia Nafarrette (BC) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Szegedi/Waseem (BC) 8-4
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Nash/Nafarrette (BC) 8-2
- No. 3: *S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Caitlin Arnold/Landes (BC) 8-4

#5 Duke 4, #20 Notre Dame 3 February 18, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #115 Katie Blaszcak (DU) def. #69 Catrina Thompson (ND), 6-1, 6-7, 6-2
- No. 2: #85 Brook Buck (ND) def. #108 Jennifer Zika (DU) 6-3, 6-0
- No. 3: Celia Deltour (DU) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 7-6, 6-2
- No. 4: #96 Saras Arasu (DU) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6
- No. 5: Kristin Cargill (DU) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Tory Zawacki (DU) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Cargill/Zika (DU) 8-2
- No. 2: *Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Blaszcak/Zawacki (DU) 8-2
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Deltour/Parker Goyer (DU) 8-5

#9 North Carolina 4, #20 Notre Dame 3 February 20, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #26 Aniela Mojzisz (UNC) 7-6 (3), 7-5
- No. 2: #37 Kendall Cline (UNC) def. #85 Brook Buck (ND) 6-1, 7-6 (7-5)
- No. 3: Jenna Long (UNC) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 7-6 (8-6), 6-2
- No. 4: #Sara Anundsen (UNC) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3
- No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Caitlin Collins (UNC) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 6: Charlotte Tansill (UNC) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 1-6, 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: *#2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #14 Cline/Mojzisz (UNC) 8-6
- No. 2: Anundsen/Long (UNC) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 9-8 (7-5)
- No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Collins/Jurewitz (UNC) 8-2

#13 Texas 4, #20 Notre Dame 3 February 26, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #32 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Petra Dizdar (UT) 6-4, 6-1
- No. 2: #60 Brook Buck (ND) def. #80 Kendra Strohm (UT) 7-6(4), 7-6(4)
- No. 3: Katie Ruckert (UT) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 4: Mia Marovic (UT) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-3, 6-1
- No. 5: *#97 Courtney Zaufit (UT) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-1, 7-6 (7-4)
- No. 6: Ristine Olson (UT) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 7-5, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1: #26 Ruckert/Strohm (UT) def. #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-5
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Dizdar/Marovic (UT) 8-4
- No. 3: #Sarah Jane Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Kelly Baritot/Zaufit (UT) 8-6

#20 Notre Dame 7, #57 Iowa 0 February 27, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #32 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Meg Racette (I) 6-7(6), 7-5, 1-0(6)
- No. 2: #60 Brook Buck (ND) def. #78 Hillary Mintz (I) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Anastasia Zhukova (I) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Milica Veselinovic (I) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 5: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Hillary Tyler (I) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Jacqueline Lee (I) 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

- No. 1: *#1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #59 Mintz/Racette (I) 8-3
- No. 2: Tyler/Zhukova (I) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 9-7
- No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Lee/Morgan Tuttle (I) 8-2

#22 Notre Dame 5, #30 UNLV 2 March 10, 2005 -- Las Vegas, Nev. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #21 Elena Gantcheva (UNLV) def. #39 Catrina Thompson (ND) 7-6, 6-1
- No. 2: #59 Brook Buck (ND) def. Gyorgyi Zsiros (UNLV) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Anne Claire Ortiz-Luis (UNLV) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4
- No. 4: Cindy Treber (UNLV) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4
- No. 5: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Claire Smith (UNLV) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5
- No. 6: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Linda Tempelfelde (UNLV) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Gantcheva/Sharon Marin (UNLV) 8-2
- No. 2: *Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Ortiz-Luis/Tempelfelde (UNLV) 8-2
- No. 3: Zsiros/Smith (UNLV) def. S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-4

#24 Brigham Young 6, #22 Notre Dame 1 March 12, 2005 -- Provo, Utah (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #39 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Lauren Jones (BYU) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 2: *Olga Boulytcheva (BYU) def. #59 Brook Buck (ND) 6-3, 6-4
- No. 3: Anastasia Surkova (BYU) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-0, 6-2
- No. 4: Sofia Holden (BYU) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 7-6, 2-6, 6-2
- No. 5: Jenny Miccoli (BYU) def. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 6: Dolly Chang (BYU) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 7-6, 7-6

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #56 Jones/Chang (BYU) 8-0
- No. 2: *Surkova/Miccoli (BYU) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 8-5
- No. 3: Boulytcheva/Holden (BYU) def. S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-5

#23 Tennessee 6, #25 Notre Dame 1 March 18, 2005 -- Knoxville, Tenn. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: *#44 Sabita Maharaj (UT) def. #39 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-1, 6-3
- No. 2: #59 Brook Buck (ND) def. Blakeley Griffith (UT) 6-3, 6-1
- No. 3: Bryce Marable (UT) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-3, 6-0
- No. 4: Victoria Jones (UT) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 5: Ashley Robards (UT) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 7-6, 6-2
- No. 6: Ghizela Schutte (UT) def. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 6-1, 7-6



Doubles

- No. 1: Stastny/Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Maharaj/Marable (UT) 8-4
- No. 2: Melissa Schaub/Schutte (UT) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 9-7
- No. 3: IGriffith/Robards (UT) def. S.J. Connelly/Jennifer Smith (ND) 9-8 (2)

#29 Notre Dame 5, #61 Purdue 2 March 22, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: *#44 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #74 Hala Sufi (P) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5
- No. 2: #100 Brook Buck (ND) def. Stephanie Wooten (P) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 3: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Shawna Zuccarini (P) 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-0
- No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Alyssa Rodriguez (P) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 5: Brooke Beier (P) def. Jennifer Smith (ND) 6-3, 6-0
- No. 6: Amy Walgenbach (P) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 3-6, 6-4, 6-0

Doubles

- No. 1: Stastny/Ca. Thompson (ND) def. Lara Burgarello/Zuccarini (P) 8-6
- No. 2: *Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Beier/Wooten (P) 8-5
- No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Smith (ND) def. Rodriguez/Sufi (P) 8-2

#29 Notre Dame 7, Oklahoma State 0 March 26, 2005 -- Edmond, Okla. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #44 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #97 Iryna Tkachenko (OSU) 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (3)
- No. 2: #100 Brook Buck (ND) def. Zana Masnic (OSU) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 3: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Lauren Simmons (OSU) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 4: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Jessica Collins (OSU) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 5: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Jennifer Poskitt (OSU) 6-0, 6-2
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Sandra Blaier (OSU) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1: Masnic/Tkachenko (OSU) def. #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-4
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Blaier/Collins (OSU) 8-2
- No. 3: *S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Poskitt/Simmons (OSU) 8-3

#35 Wisconsin 4, #28 Notre Dame 3 March 29, 2005 -- Madison, Wis. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #44 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #93 Katie McGaffigan (W) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 2: #100 Caitlin Burke (W) def. #100 Brook Buck (ND) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 3: Lindsay Martin (W) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-4, 6-1
- No. 4: Kaylan Caiati (W) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 7-6 (7-4), 6-3
- No. 5: *Nicole Beck (W) def. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Chelsea Nusslock (W) 6-4, 7-5

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Martin/McGaffigan (W) 8-3
- No. 2: Burke/Caiati (W) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 8-3
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Beck/Nusslock (W) 8-2

#28 Notre Dame 5, #72 Long Beach State 2 April 2, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #44 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Nicole Bouffier (LBSU) 7-5, 6-3
- No. 2: Stephanie Bengson (LBSU) def. #100 Brook Buck (ND) 6-4, 0-6, 6-2
- No. 3: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Sandra Rocha (LBSU) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 4: Rachael Porsz (LBSU) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 3-6, 7-5, 1-0 (8)
- No. 5: *Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Alanah Carroll (LBSU) 6-2, 7-5
- No. 6: Liz Donohue (ND) def. Claudia Argumedo (LBSU) 6-2, 1-6, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Bouffier/Rocha (LBSU) 8-1
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Bengson/Krystina Katayama (LBSU) 8-3
- No. 3: *S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Carroll/Porsz (LBSU) 8-4

#31 Notre Dame 4, #16 William & Mary 3 April 9, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Ind. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #122 Candice Fuchs (W&M) def. #37 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-1, 6-0
- No. 2: #62 Megan Muth (W&M) def. #90 Brook Buck (ND) 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5)
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Lena Sherbakov (W&M) 6-3, 6-1
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Amy Wei (W&M) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4
- No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Kate Boomershine (W&M) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3
- No. 6: Lingda Yang (W&M) def. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4

Doubles

- No. 1: #4 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Boomershine/Fuchs (W&M) 8-6
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. #48 Muth/Wei (W&M) 8-4
- No. 3: *S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Sherbakov/Yang (W&M) 9-8 (7-1)

#31 Notre Dame 4, #35 Indiana 3 April 10, 2005 -- Bloomington, Ind. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #37 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #101 Dora Vastag (IU) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 2: Sarah Batty (IU) def. #90 Brook Buck (ND) 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4)
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Laura McGaffigan (IU) 7-5, 6-0
- No. 4: Dominika Walterova (IU) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Brianna Williams (IU) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4
- No. 6: Cecile Perton (IU) def. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 6-1, 1-6, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1: #4 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Batty/Walterova (IU) 8-6
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. McGaffigan/Williams (IU) 8-2
- No. 3: Perton/Vastag (IU) def. S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 9-8 (7-3)

#26 Notre Dame 4, #54 Illinois 3 April 13, 2005 -- Urbana, Ill. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #41 Cynthya Goulet (ILL) def. #37 Catrina Thompson (ND) 7-6 (3), 6-4
- No. 2: #90 Brook Buck (ND) def. Macall Harkins (ILL) 6-1, 6-4
- No. 3: Momei Qu (ILL) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 6-0, 6-4
- No. 4: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Brianna Knue (ILL) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
- No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Emily Wang (ILL) 7-6 (8-6), 6-1
- No. 6: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Pavlina Akritas (ILL) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1: Goulet/Wang (ILL) def. #4 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-6
- No. 2: *Harkins/Knue (ILL) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 8-6
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Akritas/Qu (ILL) 8-3

#3 Northwestern 5, #26 Notre Dame 2 April 14, 2005 -- Evanston, Ill. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #37 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #3 Audra Cohen (NU) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 2: #16 Cristelle Grier (NU) def. #90 Brook Buck (ND) 6-3, 7-6 (5)
- No. 3: #66 Alexis Prousis (NU) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 4: Valerie Viadea (NU) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-0, 6-0
- No. 5: Andrea Yung (NU) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (8)
- No. 6: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Alexis Conill (NU) 7-6 (5) 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1: #1 Cohen/Grier (NU) def. #4 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-4
- No. 2: Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. #36 Prousis/Roemer (NU) 8-7
- No. 3: *Ferial Essegghir/Viadea (NU) def. S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 9-7

[1] #25 Notre Dame 4, [4] St. John's 0 BIG EAST Conference Championship Semifinals April 22, 2005 -- Tampa, Fla. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #37 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Borbora Blahutiakova (SJU) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 2: #102 Brook Buck (ND) def. Kristina Bothova (SJU) 6-3, 6-4
- No. 3: Lauren Connelly (ND) led Lauren Leo (SJU) 6-4, 5-2, abandoned
- No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Hamde Gorur (SJU) 6-0, 6-0
- No. 5: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) led Allison Davidson (SJU) 6-3, 6-5, abandoned
- No. 6: Mariana Chachua (SJU) led Liz Donohue (ND) 6-2, 4-3, aban.

Doubles

- No. 1: #5 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Davidson/Gorur (SJU) 8-4
- No. 2: Chachua/Leo (SJU) def. #59 Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 8-4
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Blahutiakova/Bothova (SJU) 8-3

[1] #25 Notre Dame 4, [3] Syracuse 0 BIG EAST Conference Championship Final April 23, 2005 -- Tampa, Fla. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #37 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Victoria Vaynberg (SU) 6-3, 6-1
- No. 2: #102 Brook Buck (ND) led Catherine Zawadzki (SU) 6-2, 3-5, abandoned
- No. 3: Christian Thompson (ND) def. Ashley Lipton (SU) 6-1, 6-3
- No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) led Carolina Huignard (SU) 6-2, 5-2, abandoned
- No. 5: Katie Bramante (SU) led Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-1, 4-4, aban.
- No. 6: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Pearly Leung (SU) 6-3, 6-1



Lauren Connelly came through in the clutch at Illinois, defeating Brianna Knue 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 4 singles in the final match on court to hand Notre Dame a 4-3 triumph.

Doubles

- No. 1: #5 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Vaynberg/Zawadzki (SU) 8-3
- No. 2: #59 Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Bramante/Wei-Ming Leong 8-2
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) led Huignard/Lipton (SU) 7-4, aban.

[17-32] #23 Notre Dame 4, [33-48] #46 Iowa 1 NCAA Championship First Round May 13, 2005 -- Evanston, Ill. (Outdoor/Indoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #44 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #104 Meg Racette (I) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 2: #87 Brook Buck (ND) led Hillary Mintz (I) 6-2, 3-6, 4-2, abandoned
- No. 3: *Christian Thompson (ND) def. Anastasia Zhukova (I) 7-5, 6-3
- No. 4: Milica Veselinovic (I) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 5: Jacqueline Lee (I) led Kristina Stastny (ND) 7-6 (7-5), 2-5, aban.
- No. 6: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) def. Hilary Tyler (I) 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: #6 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Racette/Veselinovic (I) 8-1
- No. 2: *Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Tyler/Zhukova (I) 8-4
- No. 3: S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) led Lee/Mintz (I) 7-5, abandoned

[5] #6 Northwestern 4, [17-32] #23 Notre Dame 0 NCAA Championship Second Round May 14, 2005 -- Evanston, Ill. (Outdoor)

Singles

- No. 1: #4 Audra Cohen (NU) def. #44 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-0, 6-3
- No. 2: #87 Brook Buck (ND) vs. #21 Cristelle Grier (NU) 6-4, 2-6, aban.
- No. 3: #76 Alexis Prousis (NU) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 6-2, 6-4
- No. 4: Valerie Viadea (NU) def. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 5: Andrea Yung (NU) led Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-4, 1-4, abandoned
- No. 6: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) led Jamie Peisel (NU) 6-1, 5-5, aban.

Doubles

- No. 1: #6 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #2 Cohen/Grier (NU) 8-3
- No. 2: #52 Prousis/Kristi Roemer (NU) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 9-8 (4)
- No. 3: Ferial Essegghir/Viadea (NU) def. S.J. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-4

* - indicates clinching victory; ! - indicates clinching victory in last match on court

Note: Numbers preceding teams and players are ITA national rankings at time of match; numbers in brackets are team's tournament seeding.



Strong leader served as team captain during 2004-05 campaign and combines with younger sister Lauren ('05-06 captain) to be the first Irish tennis sister captains (just the fifth sister captain duo at Notre Dame in any sport) ... was a contributor in both singles and doubles throughout her career and was a key to Notre Dame's dual-match fortunes, playing a variety of big matches ... along with basketball player Chris Thomas, was recipient of the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award, which recognizes one male and one female student-athlete who best display the total embodiment of the true spirit of Notre Dame as exemplified by their contributions and inspirations to their respective teams ... sixth women's tennis player to be so honored since award debuted in 1993 (most of any team) ... 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 and again in singles in '05 ... finished career with 22 victories that clinched the doubles point, breaking the Notre Dame record (was 17 by Alicia Salas) ... also ended up 10th in Irish career record book in doubles wins in dual-match action (51) ... 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 ... posted a 32-14 career record in home singles matches ... rallied to win after dropping the opening set 21 times ... was 60-7 when winning the first set ... graduated with 3.466 cumulative grade-point average and was a member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... four-year monogram winner.

AS A SENIOR: Again was a regular for the Irish, playing No. 3 doubles all season and splitting time in the singles lineup, mostly at No. 6 ... tabbed to BIG EAST Championship all-tournament team in singles for the second time ... posted career-high doubles victories, finishing with career-best 25-11 record, including 15-8 in

Career High ITA National Ranking:

43rd (doubles)

Career-High Doubles Win: #24 Anita Loyola/

Luana Magnani (USC), 8-6; 2/7/02

AWARDS & HONORS

Team Captain (2004-05)

Francis Patrick O'Connor Award (2004-05)

Three-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team

(Singles: 2003, '05; Doubles: 2003)

ITA Scholar Athlete (2005)



#11 Sarah Jane Connelly

Class of 2005 • 5-9

Oklahoma City, OK
Bishop McGuinness H.S.

Major: Marketing
Final GPA: 3.466

dual action, all at No. 3 ... played all but two matches with Kristina Stastny, going 24-10 together and 14-7 in dual matches, with six clinching wins ... began the spring with victories in eight of first 10 matches ... won 8-6 against #13 Texas to clinch doubles point in final match on court ... clinched doubles point with tiebreaker victory in 4-3 upset of #16 William & Mary ... also provided victories in 4-3 matches against #5 Duke, #9 North Carolina, and Illinois ... other notable wins came vs. #20 Michigan and Wake Forest ... went 10-3 in fall play, winning eight of first nine matches before falling in the round of 16 of the ITA Midwest Championships ... paired with Jennifer Smith for two matches, losing a tiebreaker in the final match on court against #23 Tennessee and beating Purdue ... registered 16-8 mark in singles, including 7-5 in dual play ...

was 5-3 at No. 6 and 2-2 at No. 5 ... notched a victory at No. 6 in 4-3 win at Illinois ... also provided win there against #3 Northwestern during the regular season and was up 6-1, 5-5 when her match was abandoned in the second round of the NCAA tournament ... lost 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 to Nicole Beck at No. 5 in final match remaining in 4-3 loss at Wisconsin ... clinched win against Long Beach State ... finished season on four-match winning streak (with two abandoned matches) ... began season with eight consecutive victories and posted 9-3 record during the fall ... first defeat came in the second round of the ITA Midwest Championships against #37 Dora Vastag of Indiana ... was outstanding at home, going 5-1 in singles and 12-2 in doubles ... concluded her career with seven consecutive victories in the Eck Tennis Pavilion



in singles ... also posted 19-5 mark indoors in partnered play.

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 Neighbours for the final month of season, going 4-4 ... clinched doubles point against William & Mary and #11 Northwestern ... also won in BIG EAST semifinals 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 career-best 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 a 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. #5 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 #11 Tennessee, Wake Forest, #7 Arizona State, #13 William & Mary, and #24 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 #5 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 Bayami of USC to clinch 5-2 Irish upset of #7 Trojans in National Team Indoor Championships ... put together midseason streak of seven straight wins, including clinching victories over Wisconsin and Ohio State ... also notched wins against #3 Wake Forest, #14 William & Mary, and #10 Texas ... dropped three-set decision to Ruth Barnes in last match on court of #19 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 ITA Midwest 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 season, 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 ITA Midwest 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 2003 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 eventual Vanderbilt player Aleke Tsoubanos ... that pair also finished second at '98 National Clay Court Championships and third at 2000 National Hardcourt 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 senior on Irish tennis team ... one of just seven 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 sophomore 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 ... earned ITA Scholar Athlete Award in 2004-05 ... four times tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star ... posted 3.466 cumulative grade-point average ... graduated in May 2005 from the Mendoza College of Business with a degree in marketing.

Head Coach Jay Louderback on Sarah Jane Connelly ...

"We will miss Sarah Jane a lot. She was very solid in singles and doubles, but even more than that, she was a great leader off the court. She did a great job for us. She kept our kids together when we lost some close matches. She was one that helped everybody stay upbeat. She played wherever we needed her and never was a problem. She was the type of leader that you want as a senior. She wanted nothing but the best for the team. You don't see that much any more, but I can't say enough about what a great job she did as a team captain."

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
2004-05	7-5	9-3	16-8	2004-05	15-8	10-3	25-11
Career	45-36	32-16	77-52	Career	51-36	30-21	81-57



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