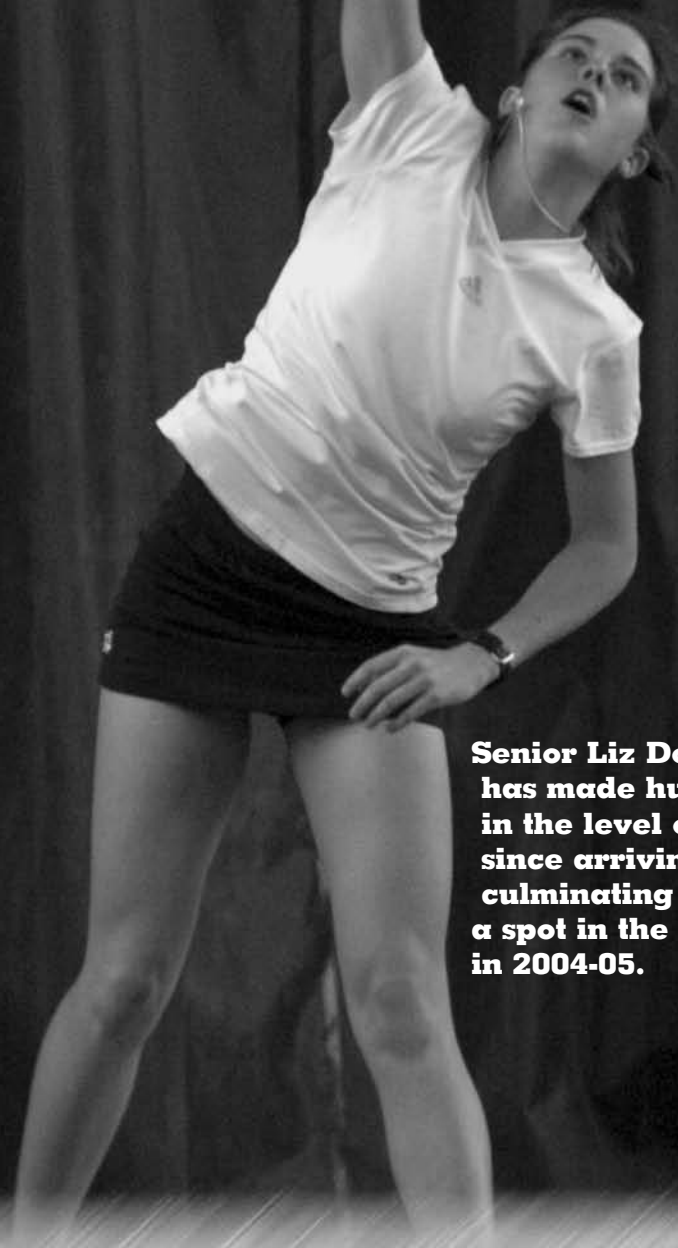




# The Players



**Senior Liz Donohue has made huge strides in the level of her game since arriving at Notre Dame, culminating with her earning a spot in the singles lineup in 2004-05.**

# The Captain

Veteran who has been a key part in Notre Dame's lineups throughout her career ... will serve as team captain in her final season, combining with older sister Sarah Jane ('04-05 captain) to be the first Irish tennis sister captains (just the fifth sister captain duo at ND in any sport) ... has played No. 2 doubles throughout most of her career and has filled the No. 4 singles slot in each of the last two campaigns ... has been one of the most prolific doubles players for the Irish, posting 74-32 (.698) mark, including 49-21 (.700) in dual action ... on pace to finish among top five in Notre Dame history in overall doubles wins and doubles dual-match victories ... well-tested in clutch situations, having played 11 career three-set matches with the dual-match outcome yet to be determined (5-6 record, four straight wins), including four with the score tied 3-3 (1-3 record) ... also has been the final doubles match on court with the point undecided on 10 occasions (6-4 record) ... aggressive player with one of the top backhands on the Irish ... great competitor who likes to come to net, where she is effective ... has concentrated greatly on her serve, which is a key to her game ... 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 ... twice named to the BIG EAST All-Tournament Team in doubles (2003 and '05) ... leads all current Notre Dame players in career victories in both singles (59) and doubles (74) ... holds 26-13 career singles record at home, as opposed to 33-31 on the road ... is 54-8 when winning the opening set ... has rallied to win after dropping the opening set five times ... is 8-1 against BIG EAST Conference opposition ... holds 8-7 record in three-set affairs, as well as 19-16 mark in close matches ... holds 37-16 career mark in doubles against the Midwest Region ... boasts 5-1 record in doubles in NCAA tournament action, which has her tied for the Irish record for doubles wins in the event (2002 graduates Becky Varnum and Lindsey Green also were 5-1) ... outstanding academic performer carries 3.685 cumulative grade-point average, second-best on the Irish ... is a member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... the first Irish player ever to be an ITA Scholar Athlete on three occasions ... team recipient of the Knute Rockne Student Athlete Award in 2004-05 as team's top academic performer ... three-time monogram winner.

**AS A JUNIOR:** Again played a key role for the Irish in both singles and doubles, combining for 49 victories in 2004-05 ... played Nos. 3-5 in singles, going 12-11 ... paired with Brook Buck for outstand-

**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

Two-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Doubles: 2003, 2005)

Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award (2004-05)

Three-Time ITA Scholar Athlete (2003, 2004, 2005)



## #4 Lauren Connelly

Senior  
5-9

Oklahoma City, OK  
Bishop McGuinness H.S.

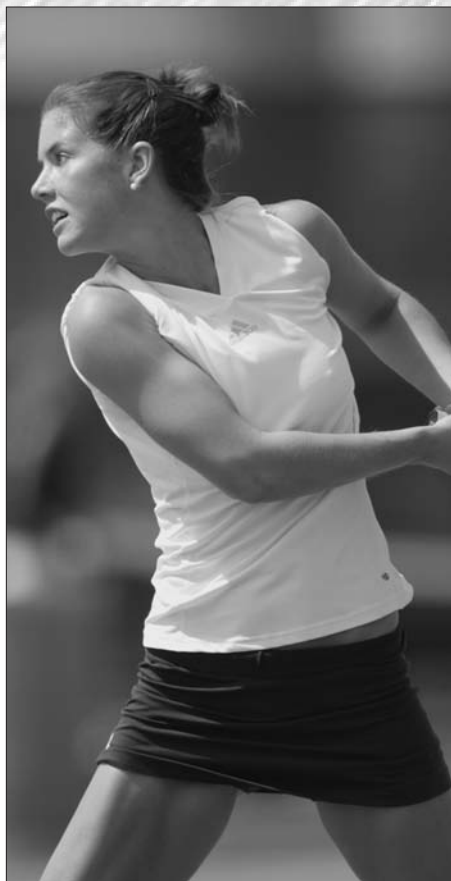
Team Captain (2005-06)

ing season in doubles, posting 27-12 overall record, including 16-9 in dual action at No. 2 ... their victory total is the third-highest ever by an Irish team in a season and they were briefly ranked 59th nationally ... upset #48 Muth/Wei from William & Mary and #36 Prousis/Roemer from Northwestern in April, which led to their entry into the national rankings ... won 9-7 over Anderson/Durkin from #17 Harvard in final match on court to give ND doubles point in 4-3 loss to the Crimson ... lost tiebreaker to #52 Prousis/Roemer in last match remaining to give Northwestern the doubles point in second round of NCAA tournament ... also lost in that situation against #6 Vanderbilt and Illinois ... clinched doubles point six times, including against Wake Forest, #6 Duke, UNLV, and Iowa in the first round of the NCAAAs ... also had victories against Michigan and Indiana ... posted 11-3 record during fall ... began with 9-1 mark before losing to nation's eighth-ranked team (from Michigan) in the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Championships ... were 10-4 at home and 17-8 on the road ... notched 18-7 mark indoors and 13-6 record against teams from the Midwest Region ... was a clutch performer for the Irish in singles, going 11-3 in close matches, including 5-3 in three-set affairs (4-2 with the dual-match outcome still undecided) ... was 3-1 at No. 3, 7-10 at No. 4, and 2-0 at No. 5 ... biggest win of the season was 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 victory over Brianna Knue in final match on court to hand Notre Dame a 4-3 win at Illinois ... lost third-set tiebreaker against #96 Saras Arasu in last match remaining against #5 Duke ... two days later, again dropped a three-setter with the team score tied 3-3, this time losing to Sara Anundsen from #9 North Carolina ... had three-set victory against #16 William & Mary in Notre Dame's 4-3 upset victory ... won three-setter to clinch tight 5-2 win at UNLV ... also clinched victory against Iowa ... started spring with four consecutive victories, including against #6 Vanderbilt, #20



Michigan, and Wake Forest ... posted 10-2 record during the fall, including seven straight wins to open the season ... first defeat came against Illinois' Momei Qu in the opening round of the ITA Midwest Championships ... had a six-match winning streak covering her final two fall matches and first four of the spring ... went 11-3 at home and 11-10 on the road ... posted 19-2 mark when taking the opening set ... was 16-7 indoors and 6-6 outside.





**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Was a key player for the Irish in 2003-04 ... 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 #9 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 regular-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 Schluekebir/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 ... 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, #13 Texas, #7 Arizona State, and #24 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 ITA 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 ... 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 matches in the fall adidas Invitational ... opened the season winning three of

four matches with Emily Neighbours in the OSU/Prince Cup.

**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 (Super 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 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 Jame completed her career with the Irish tennis team in 2004-05 ... 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 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 ... 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 each of first three 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 3.685 cumulative GPA, second-best on the Irish ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major with a minor in theology.

### Head Coach Jay Louderback on Lauren Connelly ...

"Lauren's played a lot of different spots in our lineup, and she has been great off the court. I think she will be a good team captain for us. We have a lot of good backhands on our team, and she has one of the best. She also is very good at coming forward and is not afraid to come in. She volleys well and covers overheads well, and that's also a reason she's such a good doubles player. She has worked really hard on her serve, which is the one thing that's held her back in the past. It has gotten more consistent."

### Career Record

Year	Singles			Year	Doubles		
	Dual	Open	Overall		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
2004-05	12-11	10-2	22-13	2004-05	16-9	11-3	27-12
<b>Career</b>	<b>36-32</b>	<b>23-12</b>	<b>59-44</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>49-21</b>	<b>25-11</b>	<b>74-32</b>





#8 **Liz Donohue**

Senior  
5-8

Sioux Falls, SD  
O'Gorman H.S.

Athletic player has made great strides since joining the Irish ... shared time at No. 6 singles last season and again figures to challenge for a spot in final campaign ... great competitor is smart and adaptable on the court ... very fast player who makes opponents play a lot of balls ... backhand and serve are among her strengths ... has become adept at seizing opportunities to rush the net ... will be hampered by stress fracture in foot during fall portion of season ... in singles, is 21-13 indoors and just 9-11 outside ... holds 17-8 career mark in singles against the Midwest Region ... three-year monogram winner.

**AS A JUNIOR:** Earned regular spot in Notre Dame's lineup for the first time in 2004-05, posting 7-9 mark in singles, mostly at No. 6 ... was 17-12 overall in singles ... top wins of spring came against #20



Michigan and #5 Duke ... prevailed in final three matches that were completed, including a win at Wisconsin in 4-3 Irish defeat ... went 10-3 during fall action ... lost two of first four matches and then won five straight before a defeat in the qualifying round of the ITA Midwest Championships ... then went 3-0 in the Indiana Invitational ... was 16-4 when winning the opening set and 15-9 indoors ... posted 11-3 mark against Midwest Region opposition ... was 5-7 in doubles action, going 3-5 with Bailey Louderback and 2-2 with Jennifer Smith ... with Louderback, won a match each in the Colorado Invitational (vs. Colorado), Eck Classic (Michigan State), and Indiana Invitational (DePaul) ... defeated a team from Kansas in the Eck Classic with Smith and also won a consolation match against a Michigan State team in the ITA Midwest Championships.

**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 each at Ohio State and Notre Dame.

**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 ... also ran track and set school record in 800 meters ... National Honor Society among many extracurriculars ... sister 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 ... paired with sister to be first-ever Irish women's tennis monogram winners 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 each of first three seasons ... named to Dean's List in fall '02 ... enrolled in the College of Arts & Letters as a pre-professional studies and theology major with a minor in anthropology.



**Head Coach Jay Louderback on Liz Donohue ...**

"Liz played very well last year. She was very solid, not afraid to come in at all, very fast and a great competitor. Right now the only thing holding her back is a stress fracture to her foot, which slowed her during the summer and will make her fall limited. She has made a huge jump during her time here. She's gone from a low nationally-ranked kid to playing in our lineup as a junior last year."

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	
2004-05	7-9	10-3	17-12	2004-05	0-0	5-7	5-7	
<b>Career</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>22-14</b>	<b>30-24</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>16-15</b>	<b>16-15</b>	



# The Seniors

Smart and consistent player who will try to rebound from missing all of 2004-05 campaign due to a medial condition ... return to the court has seen her elevate the level of her game ... possesses great work ethic and moves well on the court ... good player under pressure ... a grinder who makes very few errors ... has worked on her serve and on coming to net more ... holds 5-2 career record in close doubles matches (8-6, 9-7, or 9-8) ... holds 20-1 mark when winning the opening set in singles ... carries one of team's top cumulative grade-point averages ... earned monograms in first two seasons.

**AS A JUNIOR:** Missed the entire 2004-05 season due to a medial condition.

**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

## Head Coach Jay Louderback on Kelly Nelson ...

"Kelly is back after missing last year with an injury, and she is really playing well. She's a grinder, doesn't miss many balls, and competes really well. When you watch her, you can see she just loves to play and enjoys being out on the court. She doesn't have any big weapons where she hits winners, but just is such a competitor and fighter that she's tough to play. She's also made a big jump, especially after missing a year."



#6 Kelly Nelson

Senior  
5-7

St. Petersburg, FL  
Shorecrest Preparatory School

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 doubles titles in the juniors ... 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 played 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 ... serves as the team's



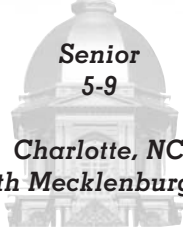
representative to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council ... enrolled in the College of Arts & Letters as a pre-professional studies and anthropology major with a minor in science, technology, and values.

Career Record							
Singles				Doubles			
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	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
2004-05	0-0	0-0	0-0	2004-05	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Career</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>22-12</b>	<b>22-12</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>12-8</b>	<b>12-8</b>





## #84 Jennifer Smith



Charlotte, NC  
South Mecklenburg H.S.

Athletic player is still on the road back from shoulder surgery ... will look to regain form that saw her contribute in both singles and doubles in rookie season ... missed all of 2003-04 with injury and eased back into action as a junior ... plays an all-around game ... boasts big groundstrokes and a dangerous serve ... also has solid slice backhand ... needs to work on her footspeed ... is 11-2 when winning the opening set ... holds 14-4 record in her career in home doubles matches, as opposed to 10-15 on the road ... is 13-8 in doubles against the Midwest Region ... outstanding academic performer carries team-high 3.807 cumulative GPA ... earned monograms in 2002-03 and 2004-05 to become first-ever Irish women's tennis monogram winner from North Carolina.

**AS A JUNIOR:** Returned from injury to occasionally fill in for Irish in both singles and doubles ... played twice with Sarah Jane Connelly at No. 3 doubles, losing a tiebreaker in final match on court against #23 Tennessee and winning against Purdue ... also played No. 5 singles against the Boilermakers and lost ... went 3-3 in singles, winning three of four matches in the Eck Classic, her first tournament back from injury ... also took part in qualifying in the ITA Midwest Championships ... played four matches with Liz Donohue in fall, splitting a pair in the Eck Classic and losing in the opening round of the regionals before prevailing in a consolation tilt.



**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Missed entire 2003-04 season after undergoing shoulder surgery in the 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 #25 Kentucky, Wake Forest, #13 Texas, and #13 William & Mary ... were undefeated in five home matches ... started the spring playing with Sarah Jane Connelly ... 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 ... 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 Super 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 Super 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 3.807 cumulative grade-point average ... has earned Dean's List mention in five of six collegiate semesters (all but spring '03) and has been above 3.850 in all but one semester ... earned 3.933 GPA in first collegiate 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 ... posted 3.907 in fall '04 and 3.926 in spring '05 ... named a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in 2003 and an ITA Scholar Athlete in 2003 and '05 ... enrolled in the College of Arts & Letters as a sociology and computer applications double major.

### Head Coach Jay Louderback on Jennifer Smith ...

"Jen is still making a comeback from shoulder surgery. Because of that, we don't really know what is going to happen with her. She has hit the ball very well at times in practice during this process. If she is able to get some match experience, that will speed her recovery."

### 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
2004-05	0-1	3-2	3-3	2004-05	1-1	2-2	3-3
<b>Career</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>8-9</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>13-13</b>	<b>11-6</b>	<b>24-19</b>



Battle-tested southpaw will continue to be a key component for the Irish in both singles and doubles ... has been a starter throughout her career, playing mostly No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles in 2004-05 ... good all-around player who has all the shots ... can hit precise winners off short balls ... has worked on hanging in matches and finding ways to win ... has improved her serve, which already was a weapon ... mixes aggressiveness with consistency ... has improved approach shots ... good volleyer can open up the court with her wide serve ... scrappy player who is a difficult player to beat ... gets a lot of balls back ... Notre Dame's best clutch player holds 8-5 career record in three-set affairs when the dual-match outcome is still undecided ... won three-setters with score tied 3-3 on consecutive days against #16 William & Mary and at Indiana in 2005 ... in her career, stands 53-24 (26-13 singles, 27-11 doubles) at home, compared to 64-63 (30-35 singles, 34-28 doubles) on the road ... is 82-49 (38-27 singles, 44-22 doubles) indoors and 34-37 (18-21 singles, 16-16 doubles) outside ... has 31-14 mark against the Midwest Region in singles ... has rallied to win after dropping the opening set on eight occasions ... three-year monogram winner.

**AS A JUNIOR:** Continued to be an important player in the Irish lineup, playing mostly No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles ... posted career-high victory totals in both singles (22-12, 13-9 dual) and doubles (26-10, 16-7 dual) ... delivered perhaps the two most-important victories in Irish dual matches, singlehandedly turning around Notre Dame's fortunes in 4-3 matches ... snapped a six-match Irish skid when the score is tied 3-3 by rallying to defeat Kate

**Career High ITA National Ranking:** 27th (doubles)

**Career-High Singles Win:** #93 Preethi Mukundan (Harvard), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; 2/11/05

**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)



#26 **Kristina Stastny**



Boomershine 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 5 to hand ND an upset of #16 William & Mary on April 9 ... the following day, she beat Brianna Williams 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the same situation to give the Irish a 4-3 road victory against Indiana ... those were two of her team-high five match-clinching victories ... also prevailed in her next match, helping Notre Dame to a 4-3 road win vs. Illinois ... provided victories in 4-3 Irish losses to #17 Harvard and #9 North Carolina ... knocked off #93 Preethi Mukundan 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 of the Crimson at No. 5 for the highest-ranked singles win of her career ... earned first career win over a ranked player in the Indiana Invitational, taking a match tiebreaker against #124 Gergana Ganeva from DePaul ... was 9-4 at No. 5, 4-3 at No. 4, and 0-2 at No. 3 ... provided clinching victories against both #20 Michigan and Wake Forest in a four-day span in January ... also clinched win against Oklahoma State ... only two defeats in final month of the season came in match tiebreakers ... had final three matches of the season abandoned ... posted 9-3 record in fall action ... began 7-1 before falling to Northwestern freshman phenom Audra Cohen (who would go on to be ranked #1 in the nation) in the second round of the ITA Midwest Championships ... was unbeaten in three match tiebreakers ... played all but two doubles matches with Sarah Jane Connelly, going 24-10 together and 14-7 in dual matches, with six clinching victories ... 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 twice with Catrina Thompson at No.

1, posting wins against both #23 Tennessee and Purdue ... that improved her career record at No. 1 to 9-9.

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Regular in the Irish lineup playing Nos. 5 and 6 singles and No. 3 doubles in 2003-04 ... finished 16-19 in singles (12-11 dual) and 13-13 (8-7 in dual at No. 3) in doubles ... 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 #20 BYU, Indiana, and #17 Illinois, dropping just nine total games in those matches ... gained forfeit win vs. #14 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 #11 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







Super National Indoors ... in singles, reached semi-finals in '01 Super National Indoors and finals of '88 Super 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-

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 clinching 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 ITA 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. 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, #13 Texas, and Iowa (a 4-3 Irish win) ... other notable wins came vs. #11 Tennessee, #25 Kentucky, Wake Forest, and #24 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 Ohio State and Indiana.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:**

Top-25 junior player won three national doubles titles - 1999 and 2001 Super National Clay Courts and 2001

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 the Nuremberg Ice Tigers in Germany ... sister Katarina played 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 Dec. 16, 1983, in Québec, Canada ... member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in each of first three seasons ... named an ITA Scholar Athlete in 2003 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major with a minor in international business.

**Head Coach Jay Louderback on Kristina Stastny ...**

"Kiki's has made some big adjustments to try to psychologically stay in matches on a more consistent basis. We look for her to be able to take a lot more pressure than she has in the past. She's also worked really hard to turn her serve into a big weapon. It has always been good, but it can now get her out of trouble. She basically can hit everything; her groundstrokes are solid and she has a great drop shot. Now it's just a matter of knowing when to use those shots. We're looking for her to do a good job and play well for us this year."

**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
2004-05	13-9	9-3	22-12	2004-05	16-7	10-3	26-10
<b>Career</b>	<b>36-32</b>	<b>20-16</b>	<b>56-48</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>36-26</b>	<b>25-12</b>	<b>61-38</b>



Powerful player who has established herself as one of the nation's top all-around collegiate performers ... filled the No. 1 slots in both singles and doubles in every match in 2005, making those the winningest positions in the Irish lineups ... named an All-American by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as a sophomore for her doubles accomplishments with twin sister Christian Thompson (who is younger by 10 minutes) ... they became the first team in program history to ascend to the national #1 ranking ... tabbed BIG EAST Most Outstanding Tournament Performer in 2005 and a three-time honoree on the league's all-tournament team (singles in '05; doubles in '04 and '05) ... only three previous ND women's tennis players had been All-Americans in the first half of their collegiate careers ... has made a huge jump in her game since stepping onto campus ... finished sophomore season ranked fifth nationally in doubles (tops among teams comprised of two Americans) and 46th in singles ... one of just three Division I players in 2004-05 to notch at least one victory against one of the top three seeds in both the NCAA singles and doubles tournaments ... part of one of just three doubles teams to reach the final 16 in the NCAAAs in both 2004 and '05 ... has played No. 1 doubles in every match over the past two seasons, going 33-15 ... is 31-15 with sister, putting them just six wins shy of the Irish career record (37-6 by current assistant coach Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum in 2000 and '01) for victories at that spot ... has 20 doubles wins vs. nationally-ranked teams, including a 4-2 record against squads ranked in the top five ... upset the #1 team (Hollands/Mlakar of Arizona) in the '04 ITA All-American Championships and has a pair of wins vs. teams ranked #2 ... boasts 14 career singles victories against ranked players, including a 6-2, 6-2 upset of #3 Audra Cohen of Northwestern on April 14, 2005 ... in '04, 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 ... has been ranked in singles and doubles in each of the last 10 sets of national rank-

**Career High ITA National Rankings:** 27th (singles), 1st (doubles)

**Career-High Singles Win:** #3 Audra Cohen (Northwestern), 6-2, 6-2; 4/14/05

**Career-High Doubles Win:** #1 Dianne Hollands/Maja Mlakar (Arizona), 8-6; 10/8/04

**AWARDS & HONORS**

ITA All-American (Doubles: 2004-05)

NCAA Singles Championship Qualifier (2005)

NCAA Doubles Championship Qualifier (2004, 2005)

Riviera/ITA All-American Championships

Doubles Runner-Up (2004)

BIG EAST Most Outstanding Tournament Performer (2005)

Notre Dame Monogram Club Team Most Valuable Player (2004-05)

Three-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Singles: 2005; Doubles: 2004, 2005)



#13 **Catrina Thompson**

Junior  
5-5

Las Vegas, NV  
Bishop Gorman H.S.

ings (dating back to preseason 2004-05), while being listed in 17 of the 19 sets of national doubles rankings she has been eligible for (including each of the last 14) ... in singles, holds 32-17 career record away from home, plus a 27-10 record indoors and a 21-8 mark vs. the Midwest Region ... is 27-21 in close singles sets (6-4, 7-5, or 7-6) and 16-11 in close matches ... holds 40-3 career singles record when winning the opening set, including 25 straight wins dating back to March 24, 2004, vs. Katie Martzolf of Wake Forest (lost 6-7, 7-6, 1-0) ... in doubles, boasts a 15-4 career record at home, plus a 26-10 mark indoors, and an 8-1 record against the BIG EAST ... selected as the one United States team to compete in doubles in the 2005 World University Games in Izmir, Turkey ... 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 ... has worked hard to make fewer errors while still hitting big ... has improved at taking advantage of opportunities to go to net ... she and her sister were the only tennis players featured in *Sports Illustrated On Campus*' "A List" of 14 elite college athletes in October 2005 ... one of three Nevada natives to become Notre Dame All-Americans (in any sport), joining sister and another Las Vegas product, sprinter Danny Payton (1997) ... earned monograms in both of first two collegiate seasons.

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Established herself as a dominant singles player and also combined with twin sister Christian for the top season ever by a Notre Dame doubles team ... named an All-American by the ITA in doubles, becoming part of the first set of sister All-Americans in any sport in Notre Dame history (also first set of twins to be All-Americans) ... became first Irish team ever to ascend to the national #1 ranking (Feb. 22) and finished season ranked fifth (tops among teams comprised of two Americans) after being in the top 10 throughout the campaign ... BIG EAST Most Outstanding Tournament Performer was on the league's all-tournament team in both singles and doubles ... in doubles, posted 6-3 record in the grand-slam events (best in ND history), with just two teams (Stanford's Barnes/Burdette 8-1; Northwestern's Cohen/Grier 7-1) notching more wins in those tournaments ... were the only team in the nation to reach the semifinals of both of the first two grand slams, losing in the final of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships and in the semis of the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships ... fell in round of 16 of NCAA Doubles Championship for second straight year (one of only three teams to reach final 16 in both '04 and '05) ... also earned first invitation to NCAA singles tournament and was one of just 13 Division I players to post victories in both the NCAA singles

and doubles championships ... was one of only three players (also Georgia's Shadisha Robinson and UCLA's Riza Zalameda) to notch at least one victory against one of the top three seeds from both of those tournaments, downing Northwestern's Audra Cohen (No. 3 seed) in singles, as well as Cohen and Cristelle Grier (No. 2 seed) and the third-seeded team of Megan Bradley and Audrey Banada of Miami (Robinson and Zalameda had just one win apiece in both singles and doubles) ... the Thompsons were one of just two teams to have victories over more than one of the top four seeds in the NCAA doubles tournament (also Liu/Yelsey of Stanford) ... voted the team's MVP and finished as team leader in both singles and doubles wins (combined 54-17 record) ... finished with team-best 30-7 overall doubles record (just the sixth ND player to win 30 doubles matches in a season), including 28-7 with Christian Thompson, which stands as the second-highest season victory total by an Irish doubles team ... played every match at No. 1 doubles for the second consecutive season, ending with a 21-4 record (tied for third-highest season win total in ND history), including 19-4 with Christian ... only three non-dual defeats came in the grand slams ... ranked season-low seventh in the preseason and then were among the top five in every spring set of rankings but one ... finished with 7-2 record in close matches (8-6, 9-7, or 9-8) and a 15-4 mark against nationally-ranked teams ... were 8-2 against top-15 squads and 4-1 vs. higher-ranked duos, including an upset of the national #1 team of Dianne Hollands and Maja Mlakar of Arizona (8-6) in the quarterfinals of the All-American Championships ... that run saw them beat #6 Bentley/Stephenson of Alabama in the round of 16 and #11 Gersic/Kovacek of New Mexico in the semis before losing 8-3 to Whitney Benik and Lolita Frangulyan of Florida in the title match ... it was the best-ever performance by an Irish doubles team in a grand slam and was just the second time a set of twins from any school reached a grand-slam final (Tami and Teri Whitlinger of Stanford won the '89 National Indoors) ... in the National Indoor Championships, they beat #3 Foster/Kalsarieva of Kentucky and #28 Banada/Bradley before losing to eventual NCAA champions Alice Barnes and Erin Burdette of Stanford in the semis ... they became the first ND team ever to reach multiple grand-slam semis in the same season ... earned one of the Nos. 5-8 seeds in the NCAA Doubles Championship to clinch All-America honors ... defeated #14 Fodor/Kugakolova in that event before falling to #29 Cetnik/Tweedie-Yates of TCU in the round of 16 ... began season with six straight victories and opened spring with eight consecutive wins, propelling them to the #1 ranking ... notable dual-





over Dora Vastag in the 4-3 Irish win at Indiana ... other top wins came against Petra Dizdar of Texas, Iryna Tkachenko of Oklahoma State, Denver's Yanick Dullens, and Meg Racette of Iowa (three times) ... opened fall with six consecutive victories before losing in the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Championships to #42 Katie McGaffigan (whom she would defeat in spring play) ... went 18-6 away from home, 22-0 when taking the opening set, 14-4 indoors, and 11-3 against the Midwest Region.

### 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

match victories came against #2 Cohen/Grier of Northwestern in the second round of the NCAA team tournament (8-3), #15 DaCosta/Delicata of Michigan (8-5), and #14 Cline/Mojzis of North Carolina to effectively clinch the #1 ranking (8-6) ... they registered a team-high seven clinching victories, including wins in the final match on court to give ND the doubles point against Wisconsin and in the BIG EAST semifinals vs. St. John's ... lost first match as #1-ranked team, falling 8-5 to #26 Ruckert/Strohm of Texas on Feb. 26 ... that was the pair's only home loss in nine matches ... they were 13-3 indoors and 15-4 outside, as well as 7-2 against the Midwest Region ... also recorded breakthrough season in singles, going 24-10, including 17-8 in dual action at No. 1 ... became the first ND sophomore since 1999 to fill the No. 1 singles position ... peaked at 32nd (Feb. 22) in national rankings ... marquee victory was a 6-2, 6-2 upset of #3 Audra Cohen on April 14 at Northwestern, which was the only straight-set defeat for the ITA All-American champion during her sensational rookie season ... had a 12-10 record against nationally-ranked opponents, including 5-5 vs. higher-ranked players ... defeated #46 Sabrina Capannolo of Arizona State in the first round of the NCAA Singles Championship before falling to #38 Chloe Carlotti in three sets ... other top victories came against #26 Aniela Mojzis of North Carolina, #27 Courtney Bergman of Harvard, and Michigan's #44 Michelle DaCosta ... won in three sets against Hala Sufi to clinch ND's win over Purdue ... provided a victory

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/Tran 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 Notre Dame 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 Kalsarieva 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, has been 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 prior to college ... 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 Sept. 13, 1984, in Las Vegas, Nev. ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in 2004 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major.

### Head Coach Jay Louderback on Catrina Thompson...

"Catrina has always been a big hitter, but now she's doing it more consistently. She used to make a lot of errors, but now she's hitting it big and not making as many errors. Her serve's turned into a huge weapon, and her forehand has always been big. She also has worked hard on getting into the net more because she volleys well. Instead of trying to hit three or four huge forehands in a point, she wants to hit one or two and then she wants to take advantage of it. She's doing a very good job of that. When she's aggressive and coming into the net, she's very good."

### Career Record

Singles				Doubles			
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall
2003-04	12-10	8-5	20-15	2003-04	12-11	10-6	22-17
2004-05	17-8	7-2	24-10	2004-05	21-4	9-3	30-7
<b>Career</b>	<b>29-18</b>	<b>15-7</b>	<b>44-25</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>33-15</b>	<b>19-9</b>	<b>52-24</b>



Steady, consistent player who has been integral to Notre Dame's success over the past two seasons ... named an All-American by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as a sophomore for her doubles accomplishments with twin sister Catrina Thompson (who is older by 10 minutes) ... that team became the first in program history to ascend to the national #1 ranking (finished fifth in 2004-05, tops among teams comprised of two Americans) ... only three previous ND women's tennis players had been All-Americans in the first half of their collegiate careers ... part of one of just three doubles teams to reach the final 16 in the NCAA Doubles Championship in both 2004 and '05 ... is 31-15 with sister at No. 1 doubles, putting them just six wins shy of the Irish career record (37-6 by current assistant coach Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum in 2000 and '01) for victories at that spot ... has 20 doubles wins against nationally-ranked teams, including a 4-2 record vs. teams ranked in the top five ... upset the #1 team (Hollands/Mlakar of Arizona) in the '04 ITA All-American Championships and has a pair of wins vs. teams ranked #2 ... has been ranked in 17 of the 19 sets of national doubles rankings she has been eligible for, including each of the last 14 ... in '04, 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 ... four-time member of BIG EAST all-tournament team (singles and doubles in 2004 and '05) is 7-0 vs. the BIG EAST in singles and 8-1 in doubles ... holds 34-4 career singles record (including nine straight wins) when taking the opening set ... has 25-21 career record in close sets (6-4, 7-5, or 7-6) ... in doubles, holds a 15-4 career record at home, plus a 26-10 mark indoors ... 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 mover with a big backhand ... very consistent ... has exceptional touch at the net and also is finishing more points at the net ... has improved her serve, but will continue to try to develop it into a weapon ... she and her sister were the only tennis players featured in *Sports Illustrated On Campus'* "A List" of 14 elite college athletes in October 2005 ... one of three Nevada



#31 **Christian Thompson**

Junior  
5-6

Las Vegas, NV  
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natives to become Notre Dame All-Americans (in any sport), joining sister and another Las Vegas product, sprinter Danny Payton (1997) ... earned monograms both of first two collegiate seasons.

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Combined with twin sister Catrina to turn in the top season ever by a Notre Dame doubles team ... named an All-American by the ITA in doubles, becoming part of first set of sister All-Americans in any sport in Notre Dame history (also first set of twins to be All-Americans) ... became first Irish team ever to ascend to the national #1 ranking (Feb. 22) and finished season ranked fifth (tops among teams comprised of two Americans) after being in top 10 during all of 2004-05 ... named to BIG EAST all-tournament team in both singles and doubles for second straight year ... posted 6-3 record in the grand-slam events (best in ND history), with just two teams (Stanford's Barnes/Burdette 8-1; Northwestern's Cohen/Grier 7-1) notching more wins in those tournaments ... were the only team in the nation to reach the semifinals of both of the first two grand slams, losing in the final of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships and in the semis of the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships ... fell in round of 16 of NCAA Doubles Championship for second straight year (one of only three teams to reach final 16 in both '04 and '05) ... one of just two teams to have victories over more than one of the top four seeds in the NCAA doubles tournament (also Liu/Yelsey of Stanford) ... finished with 28-7 overall doubles record, all with Catrina ... turned in 19-4 record in dual action at No. 1 ... only three non-dual defeats came in the grand slams ... ranked season-low seventh in the preseason and then were among the top five in every spring set of rankings but one ... finished with 7-2 record in close matches (8-6, 9-7, or 9-8) and a 15-4 mark against nationally-ranked teams ... were 8-2 against top-15 squads and 4-1 vs. higher-ranked duos, including an upset of the national #1 team of Dianne Hollands and Maja Mlakar of Arizona (8-6) in the quarterfinals of the All-American Championships ... that run saw them beat #6 Bentley/Stephenson of Alabama in the round of 16 and #11 Gersic/Kovacek of New Mexico in the



semis before losing 8-3 to Whitney Benik and Lolita Frangulyan of Florida in the title match ... it was the best-ever performance by an Irish doubles team in a grand slam and was just the second time a set of twins from any school reached a grand-slam final (Tami and Teri Whitlinger of Stanford won the '89 National Indoors) ... in the National Indoor Championships, they beat #3 Foster/Kalsarieva of Kentucky and #28 Banada/Bradley before losing to eventual NCAA champions Alice Barnes and Erin Burdette of Stanford in the semis ... they became the first ND team ever to reach multiple grand-slam semis in the same season ... earned one of the Nos. 5-8

**Career High ITA National Rankings:** 88th (singles), 1st (doubles)  
**Career-High Singles Win:** #67 Lynzee Kever (Colorado), 6-4, 6-4; 9/17/04  
**Career-High Doubles Win:** #1 Dianne Hollands/Maja Mlakar (Arizona), 8-6; 10/8/04

**AWARDS & HONORS**

ITA All-American (Doubles: 2004-05)  
NCAA Doubles Championship Qualifier (2004, 2005)  
Riviera/ITA All-American Championships Doubles Runner-Up (2004)  
Four-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Singles: 2004, 2005; Doubles: 2004, 2005)





seeds in the NCAA Doubles Championship to clinch All-America honors ... defeated #14 Fodor/Kugakolova in that event before falling to #29 Cetnik/Tweedie-Yates of TCU in the round of 16 ... began season with six straight victories and opened spring with eight consecutive wins, propelling them to the #1 ranking ... notable dual-match victories came against #2 Cohen/Grier of Northwestern in the second round of the NCAA team tournament (8-3), #15 DaCosta/Delicata of Michigan (8-5), and #14 Cline/Mojzis of North Carolina to effectively clinch the #1 ranking (8-6) ... registered a team-high seven clinching victories, including wins in the final match on court to give ND the doubles point against Wisconsin and in the BIG EAST semifinals vs. St. John's ... lost first match as #1-ranked team, falling 8-5 to #26 Ruckert/Strohm of Texas on Feb. 26 ... that was the pair's only home loss in nine matches ... they were 13-3 indoors and 15-4 outside, as well as 7-2 against the Midwest Region ... finished 13-10 in singles, including 10-8 in dual action at No. 3 ... was hampered by knee tendonitis for much of the spring, causing her to sit out of singles in seven matches (also missed doubles in two of them) ... her return to the lineup on April 9 sparked the Irish to a 4-3 upset of #16 William & Mary, followed by another 4-3 win the following day at Indiana ... she had straight-set victories in both of those matches ... clinched Notre Dame's NCAA first-round victory over Iowa ... came through with important three-set win in 5-2 victory at UNLV ... also had wins vs. #20 Michigan and Wake Forest ... opened season by beating #67 Lynzee Keever of Colorado in straight sets, the highest-ranked singles victory of her career.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Combined with twin sis-

ter 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 Schlukibir/Tran 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 ... 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 the main-draw quarterfinals of ITA Midwest Championships before losing to eventual champion #4 Grier ... that snapped an eight-match winning streak ... beat Bernadette Bayami

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, has been 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 prior to college ... combined with twin sister Catrina to form the #1 doubles team in the nation in USTA Girls' 18s ... ranked 11th in singles and was the fifth-highest #1 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 Sept. 13, 1984, in Las Vegas ... tabbed a BIG EAST Academic All-Star in both of first two seasons ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business as a marketing major.

### Head Coach Jay Louderback on Christian Thompson ...

"Christian has made a good jump from a year ago. She struggled with a knee injury last year and didn't get to practice as much, but she has worked hard since then, and now she's hitting a bigger ball. Her forehand and volleys both definitely have a little more pace on them. In the past she could volley but didn't finish points off. But now she's hitting volleys with more on them and finishing more than she did a year ago. Plus, her serve is getting bigger. Her key now is for her serve to improve where she can get free points on her serve."

### Career Record

Year	Singles			Year	Doubles		
	Dual	Open	Overall		Dual	Open	Overall
2003-04	13-8	12-5	25-13	2003-04	12-11	10-6	22-17
2004-05	10-8	3-2	13-10	2004-05	19-4	9-3	28-7
<b>Career</b>	<b>23-16</b>	<b>15-7</b>	<b>38-23</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>31-15</b>	<b>19-9</b>	<b>50-24</b>



Former national #1 player in singles and doubles and four-time Oklahoma state singles champion stepped in to be an immediate impact player as a rookie ... played No. 2 in both the singles and doubles lineups ... was ranked among the top 60 in the nation in both singles and doubles ... set Notre Dame freshman record for doubles victories (27) ... enters 2005-06 at career-high 54th in singles, as well as tied for 60th in doubles ... athletic player who is very quick ... big backhand is her most effective weapon ... also has a good serve ... great doubles player is an outstanding volleyer ... has improved her forehand and also worked on coming to the net more frequently ... has tremendous potential ... welcomes Irish freshman Kelcy Tefft, with whom she won five Super National USTA doubles titles in junior action ... is 21-1 when winning the opening set in singles, including a current winning streak of 20 in a row ... stands unbeaten in three match tiebreakers ... suffered from bout of mononucleosis during summer of 2005, which will put her behind heading into the fall ... earned monogram in 2004-05.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Impact rookie was immediate force for Notre Dame in both singles and doubles ... played No. 2 in both lineups all season, finishing 13-9 in singles and 16-9 in doubles ... tabbed to BIG EAST Championship All-Tournament Team in both singles and doubles ... was second on team in overall singles victories with 23-12 record ... set Irish freshman record for doubles victories and ranked tied for third - behind only the All-American Thompson twins - on the Irish, with a 27-12 mark, all with Lauren Connelly ... strong fall saw her vault into the ITA national singles rankings in January (the first set for which she was eligible) and then remain ranked throughout remainder of season ... peaked at 59th on March 8 and finished 83rd ... was briefly ranked 59th in doubles ... went 7-6 against nationally-ranked players in singles ... top win came in 6-1, 6-1 decision against #16 Karin Coetzee of Wake Forest in dual action ... came through with victories against ranked players in 4-3 Irish defeats against #5 Duke and #13 Texas ... claimed three-set triumph in 5-2 Irish win at UNLV ... earned win in 4-3 ND victory at Illinois ... clinched wins over Boston College and vs. St. John's in semifinals of BIG EAST tournament ... had final three matches of season abandoned ... went 10-3 in first collegiate fall, with upsets of #37 Dora Vastag from Indiana and #93 Hala Sufi of Purdue in the Indiana Invitational ... was one of just two freshmen to reach round of 16 in ITA Midwest Championships, where she fell to #1 Cristelle Grier ... went 3-4 against higher-

**Career High ITA National Rankings:** 54th (singles), 59th (doubles)

**Career-High Singles Win:** #16 Karin Coetzee (Wake Forest), 6-1, 6-1; 1/30/05

**Career-High Doubles Win:** #36 Alexis Prousis/Kristi Roemer (Northwestern), 8-7; 4/14/05

**AWARDS & HONORS**

Two-Time BIG EAST All-Tournament Team (Singles: 2005; Doubles: 2005)



#7 **Brook Buck**

Sophomore  
5-7

Yukon, OK  
Oklahoma Christian School



ranked players ... was 21-1 when winning the opening set ... posted 17-7 record indoors and just 6-5 mark outside ... formed prolific team with Connelly, turning in third-highest season victory total ever by a Notre Dame team ... upset #48 Muth/Wei from William & Mary and #36 Prousis/Roemer from Northwestern in April, which led to their entry into the national rankings ... won 9-7 over Anderson/Durkin from #17 Harvard in final match on court to give ND doubles point in 4-3 loss to the Crimson ... lost tiebreaker to #52 Prousis/Roemer in last match remaining to give Northwestern the doubles point in second round of NCAA tournament ... also lost in that situation against #6 Vanderbilt and Illinois ... clinched doubles point six times, including against Wake Forest, #6 Duke, UNLV, and Iowa in the first round of

the NCAAs ... also had victories against Michigan and Indiana ... posted 11-3 record during fall ... began with 9-1 mark before losing to nation's eighth-ranked team (from Michigan) in the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Championships ... were 10-4 at home and 17-8 on the road ... notched 18-7 mark indoors and 13-6 record against teams from the Midwest Region.

**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, winning 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 with current Irish freshman Kelcy Tefft ... in 2002, they 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 ... has three siblings ... enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters as a graphic design major.

**Head Coach Jay Louderback on Brook Buck ...**

"Brook's main thing is to recover from mono, which she had over the summer, but she is already showing signs of returning to her previous level. She has a lot of speed, can cover the whole court and has a very big backhand. She's worked hard on getting her forehands a little more consistent. She has worked a lot at coming into the net more, which makes her a more dangerous player."

Career Record							
Singles				Doubles			
Year	Dual	Open	Overall	Year	Dual	Open	Overall
2004-05	13-9	10-3	23-12	2004-05	16-9	11-3	27-12





**#5 Bailey Louderback**

Sophomore  
5-6

South Bend, IN  
Penn H.S.

Local product has shown great improvement since joining the Irish as a non-scholarship player ... daughter of Notre Dame head coach Jay Louderback ... southpaw was Penn High School's top player in 2002 and '03 ... forehand and serve are among her strengths ... switched to two-handed backhand, which should help her game ... boasts good work ethic and is a team player ... has worked hard to become more fit ... earned monogram in 2004-05.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Showed improvement during first collegiate season ... posted 3-5 record in doubles with Liz Donohue ... earned first victory over a team from the host school in the Colorado Invitational ... also defeated a squad from Michigan State in the Eck Classic and a team from DePaul in the Indiana Invitational ... was winless in eight singles matches during the fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Four-year letter-winner 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 MVP her sophomore year and team captain as a senior ... competed in the 2002 North/South all-star game ... father Jay is in his 17th 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 cur-

rent Notre Dame athletes Wade Iams (football) and brothers Jamie and Danny Lutkus (swimming) ... daughter of Denise and Jay Louderback ... born July 5, 1985, in Wichita, Kan. ... enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters as a psychology major.



**Head Coach Jay Louderback on Bailey Louderback ...**

"Bailey has made a huge improvement. She has become so much more consistent than she was a year ago. She always could volley well, but her volleys are much better. She made a switch from a one-handed backhand to a two-hander, and now she is starting to really hit it. She plays aggressively and could be a factor in our doubles before she's out of here. She's worked hard and done a good job on conditioning."

Career Record							
Year	Singles			Year	Doubles		
	Dual	Open	Overall		Dual	Open	Overall
2004-05	0-0	0-8	0-8	2004-05	0-0	3-5	3-5



# The Freshmen

Two-time Wisconsin state singles champion ... athletic player with big groundstrokes who should challenge for playing time immediately ... great competitor who does whatever it takes to win ... also has ability to hit big serve ... will work on being more aggressive in coming to the net ... three-sport standout in high school will benefit from focusing solely on tennis ... the second Wisconsin native ever to play for the Irish women's tennis team (Robin Goldsmith of Sheboygan, 1984) ... could be first native of the Badger State to win a monogram for ND women's tennis.



#9 **Katie Potts**

Freshman  
5-10

Brookfield, WI  
Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:**

Two-time Wisconsin state singles champion (2003 and '04) was named the 2004-05 Girls' Tennis Player of the Year by The National High School Coaches Association ... three-sport standout led Milwaukee's Divine Savior Holy Angels High School to team state championships in 2001 and '04 ... was the state singles runner-up in first two prep seasons and finished career with 126-5 high-school record ... three-time high school All-American (2003-05) was team captain in final season ... four-time team MVP was all-state selection each season ... tabbed Female Prep Athlete of the Year for 2004-05 by the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* ... won WTA Frank Parker Junior Award as the female player in



Wisconsin that best exemplified tennis excellence and sportsmanship both on and off the court ... ranked as high as 56th in the USTA national 18-and-under singles rankings ... finished 2004 at 64th, ranking 26th among high school seniors ... also was 21st in doubles ... won a National Open doubles title in 2001 in the 16s ... featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" in December 2004 ... also a standout in soccer (state quarterfinalists as senior) and basketball (16-5 record as senior) ... was honorable-mention all-conference in both of those sports ... brother Ryan played tennis at

Xavier University and sister Sarah is a current senior for the Musketeers tennis team, which will play at Notre Dame on Jan. 28 ... daughter of Lynn and Dennis Potts ... born Nov. 22, 1986, in Milwaukee, Wis. ... intends to major in marketing ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

**Head Coach Jay Louderback on Katie Potts ...**

"Katie has a big game off the ground and has good control. The big thing we are working on is her being more aggressive and coming to net more. She is a good athlete and a great competitor. She always does whatever it takes to win matches, which will be a key for her. She has a lot of potential for improvement since she played two other sports in high school. Just concentrating on tennis in college will give her a lot of opportunities to improve."



#23 **Kelcy Tefft**

Freshman  
5-6

Enid, OK  
Chisholm H.S.

One of the top freshmen in the country is expected to have an immediate impact for the Irish ... prolific doubles player will rejoin Irish sophomore Brook Buck, with whom she paired to win five Super National USTA doubles titles (also won two more with other partners) ... that duo is ranked 60th in the preseason national rankings ... she is the first Irish player ever to begin her career with a national ranking in doubles ... went undefeated and won Oklahoma state singles championship in only season of prep tennis ... smart counter-puncher who has a big backhand and good serve ... moves



well and has strong passing shots ... hard worker who will try to improve her forehand ... fourth Oklahoma native in the last five years (and seventh overall) to play for the Irish, but the first not from Tulsa or the greater Oklahoma City area ... combines with Buck and Lauren Connelly to make a trio of natives of the Sooner State on the current team.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:**

Extremely accomplished doubles player in juniors action, having to her credit seven Super National USTA doubles titles, including five partnering with current Irish sophomore Brook Buck ... also has a third-place finish in singles in Super

National action ... was ranked as high as eighth in the USTA girls' 18-and-under singles rankings ... finished 2004 ranked 27th, including sixth among high school seniors ... also was seventh in doubles ... has won three doubles titles and two singles crowns (plus two runner-up finishes) in National Opens ... went undefeated and won state singles championship in only season of prep tennis, playing for Chisholm High School ... also played on Chisholm basketball team, serving as a two-year team captain and helping it to a pair of appearances in the state semifinals ... the Longhorns also won three conference and three regional titles ... two-time all-league pick also was all-state as a senior ... National Honor Society and student council were among her extracurriculars ... comes from athletic family, in which her mother (softball) and cousin, Jennifer Crow, (basketball) were both student-athletes at Oklahoma State ... father played basketball at Phillips College and brother Kyle is currently on the Oklahoma Christian University basketball team ... daughter of Beth and Scott Tefft ... born Dec. 25, 1986, in Enid, Okla. ... intends to be an Arts & Letters major ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

**Head Coach Jay Louderback on Kelcy Tefft ...**

"Kelcy is such a good competitor in both singles and doubles. She will really help our doubles a lot, and I think she will make an impact in both lineups. She has a big backhand and very good serve and is working on her forehand to make it more of a weapon. She moves well and is a great counter-puncher who passes well and just works really hard. She is a smart player and very good in doubles."

