

NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF



A 14-time conference coach of the year and two-time national coach of the year, Bob Bayliss is sixth among active coaches in career victories. He has helped Irish players earn All-America honors on 20 occasions, and his squads have won 16 league championships and finished in the national top 20 in 12 different seasons.





Bob Bayliss

**Head Coach
21st Season
Richmond '66**

Over the past 38 years, Bob Bayliss has built a reputation as one of the top collegiate tennis coaches in the country. Few others have turned out so many exceptional players, had such great team success and earned as many honors.

Last year, Notre Dame reached the NCAA Round of 16 for the second straight year, finished with the most victories in a single-season since 1980-81 and ended the campaign ranked sixth in the country (the highest ranking to close a season since being ranked third at the completion of the 1991-92 season). It marked the 11th time since 1989-90 that Notre Dame has been among the top 20 in the final ITA rankings. It was the 17th consecutive year that the Irish were listed in the final ITA rankings. Notre Dame opened the preseason at #13 and peaked at t-4th (April 17) before closing the season with a 26-4 record.

Stephen Bass was named a 2007 singles All-American by the ITA. He was second Irish player in as many years (Sheeva Parbhu, 2006) to earn such status. Bass ended the year ranked 10th in the country. The ITA Senior Player of the Year for the Midwest Region was the 17th different Irish men's tennis player to be tabbed an All-American. He went 36-11, was named the BIG EAST Performer of the Year and spent most of the year ranked among the top 10 in the country. He finished his career sixth on the all-time victory list with a 109-46 record. Bass was also awarded the 2007 Intercollegiate Tennis Association's John Van Nostrand Memorial Award, given to an outstanding senior men's player who plans to pursue a professional tennis career upon graduation.

His teams' accomplishments speak for themselves. Bayliss has led the Irish to 16 NCAA Championship berths in the past 17 seasons and has helped his teams post 11 top-20 finishes in that time. Bayliss' squads have advanced to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament on seven occasions, including a quarterfinal appearance in 1993 and a trip to the NCAA title match in 1992. On

15 occasions, his teams have won conference titles.

The players who have played under him have had similar success, earning All-America honors 19 times and bringing home eight Intercollegiate Tennis

Association (ITA) national awards. A pair of Irish players and three Notre Dame doubles teams have earned national rankings in the top five under Bayliss. Six of his players have been honored with the Byron V. Kanaley Award, the most prestigious honor given to Notre Dame senior student-athlete monogram winners who have been exemplary both as students and leaders.

The professional ranks have been the next step for a number of competitors who spent four years under Bayliss' tutelage. David DiLucia, who was ranked No. 1 nationally in both singles and doubles while at Notre Dame, went on to a successful pro career in which he played in the singles main draw of all four grand-slam events, entered the world top 100 in doubles and clinched the 2001 World Team Tennis title for the Philadelphia Freedoms. He recently served as the personal coach of Lindsay Davenport, former world's #1-ranked women's player. Three other formerly the Notre Dame players (Richard Cahill, Andy Zurcher, and current assistant coach Ryan Sachire) have been ranked among the world's top 400 doubles players, and a total of eight former Irish players have gone on to play professionally since 1999.

Bayliss' talent has not gone unnoticed among his peers, as he has been honored as national coach of the year twice. He also is a five-time Midwest Region coach of the year and has been named the top coach in his conference on 13 occasions. In 1995, he was honored with the Meritorious Service Award – previously had been bestowed upon just six coaches – for his extraordinary contributions to collegiate tennis and his service to the collegiate tennis community throughout his career.

Career Record:

663-273-1 (.708), 38 years

Record at Notre Dame:

372-170 (.686), 20 years

Head Coaching Experience

United States Naval Academy, 1970-84
United States Naval Academy (squash), 1978-82
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1984-87
University of Notre Dame, 1987-present

Notre Dame's Monogram Club recognized Bayliss' accomplishments by awarding him an honorary monogram in 1993. At the time, he was one of just three current Irish coaches to have been so honored.

Bayliss currently serves on the ITA executive board of directors and is the assistant chair of the ITA's Division I operating committee. He also serves as co-chairperson of the ITA ethics and infractions committee and is on the executive and budget and collegiate hall of fame committees.

On two occasions, Bayliss has been selected to lead a team of collegiate all-stars into foreign competition. In the summer of 1991, Bayliss guided the United States team to a gold medal at the World University Games in Sheffield, England.

In the summer of 2003, he led an ITA All-Star Team to Tokyo, Japan, to take part in two "Dream Matches" – exhibition showdowns with the top Japanese collegiate tennis program (Waseda University) and a Japanese collegiate all-star squad. Bayliss and the USA were victorious in two hard-fought contests.

He registered his 600th coaching victory on Feb. 18, 2005, against Northwestern, to become just the fifth active Division I coach to accomplish that feat. Bayliss has posted an overall record of 663-273-1 (.708) in 38 years of coaching, finishing with a winning record on all but one occasion. In 20 years at Notre Dame, Bayliss has a 372-170 (.686) record, and he helped Notre Dame become the seventh Division I school to register 1,000 all-time men's tennis victories, with a 5-2 upset of #18 North Carolina on Jan. 29, 2005.

Bayliss remains best known as the mastermind behind Notre Dame's march to the NCAA final in 1992 as the 10th seed. The '92 Irish were the lowest seed and first Northern school to reach the NCAA final since the team format was adopted in 1977.

He wasted little time in making his mark on Notre Dame men's tennis. In just the third year

IRISH UNDER BAYLISS

| <u>Year</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>NCAA Finish</u> | <u>Final ITA Ranking</u> | <u>Conference Finish</u> |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1987-88 | 17 | 13 | .567 | – | – | – |
| 1988-89 | 19 | 9 | .679 | – | – | MCC Champions |
| 1989-90 | 24 | 4 | .857 | – | 19 | MCC Champions |
| 1990-91 | 19 | 12 | .613 | Round of 16 | 18 | MCC Champions |
| 1991-92 | 23 | 4 | .852 | Runners-Up | 3 | MCC Champions |
| 1992-93 | 18 | 9 | .667 | Quarterfinals | 10 | MCC Champions |
| 1993-94 | 23 | 10 | .697 | Round of 16 | 18 | MCC Champions |
| 1994-95 | 16 | 9 | .640 | Regional Final | 18 | MCC Champions |
| 1995-96 | 18 | 11 | .621 | Regional Quarterfinals | 36 | BIG EAST Champions |
| 1996-97 | 19 | 6 | .760 | Regional Semifinals | 16 | BIG EAST Runners-Up |
| 1997-98 | 18 | 8 | .692 | Regional Quarterfinals | 26 | BIG EAST Runners-Up |
| 1998-99 | 17 | 8 | .680 | First Round | 31 | BIG EAST Champions |
| 1999-2000 | 13 | 11 | .542 | Second Round | 34 | BIG EAST Runners-Up |
| 2000-01 | 17 | 7 | .708 | Second Round | 16 | BIG EAST Runners-Up |
| 2001-02 | 23 | 7 | .767 | Round of 16 | 14 | BIG EAST Champions |
| 2002-03 | 10 | 12 | .455 | – | 54 | BIG EAST Runners-Up |
| 2003-04 | 15 | 9 | .625 | First Round | 33 | BIG EAST Champions |
| 2004-05 | 18 | 8 | .692 | First Round | 37 | BIG EAST Champions |
| 2005-06 | 19 | 9 | .679 | Round of 16 | 17 | BIG EAST Runners-Up |
| 2006-07 | 26 | 4 | .867 | Round of 16 | 6 | BIG EAST Champions |
| Totals | 372 | 170 | .686 | 16 appearances | | 13 titles |



under Bayliss, in 1990, Notre Dame received its first-ever listing in the ITA national rankings. DiLucia advanced to the NCAA Singles Championship for the second year and was named one of 16 seeded competitors, becoming the first Irish player to earn All-America honors in 22 years.

Bayliss directed Notre Dame to a new level in 1991, when the Irish earned a berth in the NCAA Championship for the first time since the team format was adopted in 1977. Notre Dame was voted the top squad in the Midwest Region and defeated Kansas in the first round of the NCAA tournament before falling to eventual champion USC in the round of 16.

The following season, 1991-92, marked the return of two-time national champion Notre Dame to the nation's elite. The Irish posted an overall record of 23-4 on their way to the NCAA title match. Notre Dame entered that event ranked No. 10 in the country but proceeded to record wins over #7 Mississippi State, host and third-seeded Georgia, and top-ranked USC before falling to Stanford in the final. Bayliss was named ITA National Coach of the Year for his efforts, while DiLucia finished his career as a five-time All-American and won the Dan Magill Award as the top senior collegiate tennis player in the country.

Despite the impressive accomplishments of the '91-'92 team, the performance of the '92-'93 Irish

team may have been even more remarkable. The Irish lost DiLucia to graduation and the pro tour, and captain Zurcher went out for the year in December, sidelined with a wrist injury just before the start of the dual-match season.

With the performance of a solid senior class and some surprises from the underclassmen, Bayliss and his team posted an 18-9 record and defeated Mississippi State in the second round of the NCAA's to advance to the quarterfinals and finish the season ranked 10th in the country. The Irish also captured the prestigious Blue-Gray National Classic title in March. Seniors Chuck Coleman and Will Forsyth both were named singles All-Americans, the first time Notre Dame had boasted multiple singles All-Americans in 34 years. Coleman won the inaugural *Tennis Magazine*/Arthur Ashe National Collegiate Award for Sportsmanship and Leadership.

Bayliss faced a dual challenge in 1993-94 — coaching his team and playing host to the NCAA Championships — but he came through to lead the Irish to a 23-10 record and a spot in the round of 16 after they won the Region IV championship. The South Bend community came out to see the best players in the nation, and Zurcher and Todd Wilson gave the hometown crowd something to remember by advancing to the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship. Zurcher became the second Notre Dame player in three years to win the Dan Magill Award and was the first Irish men's tennis player to earn Academic All-America honors.

For the second year in a row, Notre Dame played host to NCAA early-round action in 1995. The Irish finished with a 16-9 mark after falling to eventual NCAA finalist Mississippi in the final of the Region IV championship. Mike Sprouse became the second Notre Dame player in three years to win the Arthur Ashe Award, continuing the pattern of Irish dominance of national honors.

The Irish again advanced to NCAA Region IV play in 1996, after winning the BIG EAST championship in their inaugural season in the league. Despite losing half of the singles lineup and the No. 1 doubles team from the previous season, the 1996-97 team delivered a seventh top-20 finish for Notre Dame in eight years with a No. 16 final ranking.

Sachire became the first singles All-American in five years when he earned a seed in the 1998 NCAA Singles Championship, advanced to the third round, and finished as the 20th-ranked player in the country. He also became the first Notre Dame player to be named Most Outstanding Player at the BIG EAST Championship.

Bayliss helped Sachire improve his game and develop into the #2-ranked singles player in the country during his junior season, 1998-99, as he reached the final of the ITA All-American Championships, the second leg of the collegiate grand slam. Bayliss' milestone 500th career win came in a 9-0 victory against Northwestern on Feb. 20, and the Irish won their second BIG EAST title in April.

Under Bayliss' tutelage, Sachire became the first Irish player ever to win the Ted A. Farnsworth/ITA National Senior Player of the Year Award and the John Van Nostrand Memorial Award, which gives a cash stipend to a senior player

intending to pursue a professional career. The 2000 Irish nearly pulled off the biggest upset in the history of the NCAA Team Championship, but No. 2 UCLA eventually prevailed 4-2 over the 34th-ranked Irish.

The 2001 squad vaulted from a preseason ranking of 33rd to a season-high 10th before finishing at 16th. For the first time since 1993, the Irish won the Blue-Gray National Classic and returned to the top 10.

His '02 team was one of the finest in Irish history. It was ranked in the top 10 throughout the regular season, peaking twice at No. 4, the highest midseason listing in school history. The Irish played host to NCAA action again and advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1994. They also won their third BIG EAST title, posted the second-highest win total of Bayliss' tenure, and defeated three top-10 teams, as well as eventual national champion USC in a fall exhibition match. Taborga was ranked as high as 11th in singles and joined DiLucia as the only players in school history to earn All-America honors in singles and doubles in the same season. He also won the National Senior Player of the Year award and was the only player in the country to defeat both the final national No. 1 singles player and No. 1 doubles team. He and Casey Smith teamed up for one of the best doubles seasons in school history, earning All-America honors and both winning a school-record 32 matches along the way.

In 2004, Bayliss guided his team from a preseason ranking of 49th to as high as 26th en route to a thrilling BIG EAST championship. The Irish avenged earlier losses to rivals Miami and Virginia

What his teams have done ...

- 16 NCAA Championship berths in 17 years (1991-2007)
- Seven NCAA round-of-16 appearances
- 1992 NCAA finalist
- 1993 NCAA quarterfinalist
- 15 conference championships (6 BIG EAST, 7 Midwestern Collegiate, 2 New England Intercollegiate)
- 11 national top-20 finishes

What awards he has won ...

- 1992 ITA National Coach of the Year
- 1980 USPTA National Coach of the Year
- Four-time ITA Midwest Region Coach of the Year
- 13-time conference coach of the year (6 BIG EAST, 4 Midwestern Collegiate, 3 Mid-Atlantic)

What his Notre Dame players/coaches have done ...

- Earned All-America honors 19 times
- Won nine national ITA awards
- Earned 20 invitations to the NCAA Singles Championship
- Earned 13 invitations to the NCAA Doubles Championship
- Won the Byron V. Kanaley Award six times
- Became collegiate head coaches on three occasions
- Became the personal coach of the world's #1 professional player

Career Wins, Active NCAA Division I Coaches

| Rank | Coach | School | Yrs. | Record |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. | Paul Scarpa | Furman | 43 | 797-494 |
| 2. | Robert Screen | Hampton | 36 | 748-197-6 |
| 3. | Rich Gugat | Air Force | 32 | 712-230 |
| 4. | Ron Smarr | Rice | 32 | 690-280 |
| 5. | Chuck Kriese | Clemson | 31 | 670-399 |
| 6. | Bobby Bayliss | Notre Dame | 37 | 663-273 |
| 7. | James Wadley | Oklahoma State | 35 | 612-275 |
| 8. | Greg Patton | Boise State | 31 | 604-273 |
| 9. | Kent DeMars | South Carolina | 33 | 569-315 |
| 10. | Dennis Emery | Kentucky | 29 | 543-353 |

Tech, in claiming the conference title in the final year with those two schools as league members.

The 2005 campaign saw the Irish return to the national top 20, peaking at 16th en route to winning back-to-back BIG EAST titles for the first time.

The 2006 Irish finished 17th in the final edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings, administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). It was the highest year-end listing for the Irish since 2001-02 (14th). The Irish were 26th in the preseason, fell to as low as 31st (Feb. 14) and peaked at 15th (March 21) before finishing with a 19-9 record and reaching the round of 16 of the NCAA Championship.

Sheeva Parbhu was named a 2006 singles All-American by the ITA. The first Irish player to be so honored since 2001-02, he finished with a 33-8 record and was 28th in the final ITA national singles rankings after being the program's first player since 1959 to advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championship.

At Notre Dame, Bayliss remains responsible for much more than just providing the Irish with a winning men's tennis record. He oversees the Eck Tennis Pavilion, and has been responsible for improving the Courtney Tennis Center and erecting stadium-type bleachers for that outdoor facility. A series of free clinics for the Notre Dame and South Bend communities organized by Bayliss won the Irish program a grant from Volvo Tennis.

Bayliss came to Notre Dame after a three-year stint at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He guided the MIT men's tennis team to a 43-23-1 (.649) record. He led MIT to two consecutive New England Intercollegiate titles, its first in school history. He also was an assistant professor of physical education and the tennis pro at the Wellesley (Mass.) Country Club.



During 15 seasons at Navy (1970-84), Bayliss led the Midshipmen to a 248-80 (.756) record. His tenure was highlighted by being named the 1980 National Coach of the Year by the United States Professional Tennis Association. Navy finished with a 19-5 record that season and Bayliss was named the Maryland Professional of the Year.

He is the only Navy men's tennis coach that never lost to Army and was named the Mid-Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year in three consecutive seasons from 1978-80 before guiding the Middies to a 22-3 record in 1982. In addition to his tennis duties at Navy, Bayliss was an assistant professor of English and associate professor of physical education. He also coached Navy's squash team to a 42-16 (.724) record from 1978-1982. In the fall of 2005, Bayliss – who compiled a 19-0 career mark against Army – was recognized by Navy with both a plaque in the squash facility and the renaming of one of the tennis courts in his honor.

Bayliss is nationally esteemed in his profession. He has lectured at the United States Tennis Association program for teaching professionals and at the National Tennis Coaches convention. He oversees the Notre Dame tennis camps in the summer and completed the USTA's High Performance Coaching Program in 2002. In 2005, he traveled to Wimbledon to participate in a High Performance Continuing Education Program organized by the USTA.

Assistant coaches have benefited from spending time under Bayliss, being named the top assistant in the Midwest Region four times since '97. Four recent Irish assistants have gone on to head coaching positions. Brian Kalbas stayed on as an assistant under his former coach after graduating in 1989, eventually leaving for the head women's tennis job at William & Mary. Kalbas was the '98 National Coach of the Year and moved to North Carolina in the summer of '03 to become its head women's coach. Mike Morgan, an Irish assistant from 1997-2000, left to be the head men's coach at Claremont McKenna/Harvey Mudd/Scripps Colleges in California. In '03, he took over the men's and women's programs at Colby (Maine)

College. Billy Pate, the '02 National Assistant Coach of the Year under Bayliss, is in his fifth season as head coach of Alabama.

Most recently, former Notre Dame assistant Todd Doebler was named head coach at Penn State following the 2006 season.

Bayliss received his bachelor of arts degree in English at the University of Richmond (1966), where he also captained the tennis team and was a member of the basketball squad. In 2002, Bayliss was inducted into the University of Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame. A member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership fraternity), he completed his master's degree in English at Richmond in 1971.

Bayliss and his wife, Pat, have four children: Jackie, Rob, Brendan, and Patrick. All of them graduated from Notre Dame.

What They Are Saying About Bob Bayliss

"He is by far one of the top three or four coaches in the nation. He does a great job in preparing his teams. He is extremely analytical and thoroughly studies his opposition to find a weakness. Every time you play a Bobby Bayliss-coached team, you know you're in for the fight of your life. He is a great friend off the court, but a highly competitive adversary on it."

– **Jerry Simmons,**
retired LSU head coach

"Bobby is unquestionably one of the most outstanding coaches in the country. He consistently gets the most out of his players, and they always represent Notre Dame as tremendous competitors and great sportsmen."

– **Dick Gould,**
Stanford director of tennis

"Bobby is known throughout the tennis community for his unselfish giving back to the sport. He's an inspiration to all of us."

– **David Fish,**
Harvard head coach

"He's by far the best coach in the country, men or women. He's the best motivator. Everything I've learned as far as motivating and developing strategy has come from him. I owe him everything."

– **Brian Kalbas**
North Carolina women's head coach, '98 ITA Women's National Coach of the Year and former Notre Dame player and assistant coach under Bayliss

"Bobby Bayliss is a true leader. He sets the standard in collegiate tennis. His passion for tennis, knowledge of the game and honesty are great assets to the development of our sport. We owe a great deal of our success to Bobby Bayliss' contributions."

– **Craig Tiley,**
former Illinois head coach, director of Tennis Australia

"Bobby is one of those rare individuals in life that absolutely inspires all of those around him. His unquestionable character, coupled with his unsurpassed enthusiasm, truly makes him one of the finest coaches in the entire tennis industry. I consider my time working with Bobby as one of the special opportunities in my life."

– **Billy Pate,**
Alabama head coach, '02 National Assistant Coach of the Year at Notre Dame under Bayliss

Year-By-Year Before Notre Dame

| Year | School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------------|--------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1970 | Navy | 10 | 7 | .588 |
| 1971 | Navy | 16 | 3 | .842 |
| 1972 | Navy | 19 | 5 | .792 |
| 1973 | Navy | 17 | 5 | .773 |
| 1974 | Navy | 15 | 5 | .750 |
| 1975 | Navy | 17 | 6 | .739 |
| 1976 | Navy | 16 | 5 | .762 |
| 1977 | Navy | 15 | 6 | .714 |
| 1978 | Navy | 16 | 9 | .640 |
| 1979 | Navy | 18 | 3 | .857 |
| 1980 | Navy | 19 | 5 | .792 |
| 1981 | Navy | 20 | 4 | .833 |
| 1982 | Navy | 22 | 3 | .880 |
| 1983 | Navy | 14 | 6 | .700 |
| 1984 | Navy | 14 | 8 | .636 |
| 15-Year Totals | | 248 | 80 | .756 |
| 1985 | MIT | 15 | 10* | .596 |
| 1986 | MIT | 16 | 6 | .727 |
| 1987 | MIT | 12 | 7 | .632 |
| 3-Year Totals | | 43 | 23* | .649 |

* - indicates one tie

Assistant Coach



Ryan Sachire

**Assistant Coach
Second Season
Notre Dame '00**

One of the top players in the 85-year history of the University of Notre Dame men's tennis program, Ryan Sachire is in his second year at his alma mater as an assistant coach. Sachire ended his professional career in 2005 and was an assistant at Baylor in 2005-06, helping the Bears reach the semifinals of the NCAA Championship. A three-time singles All-American, he replaced Todd Doebler, who was hired as the head coach at Penn State University.

"I was really excited to come back to Notre Dame," said Sachire. "It was special to return here as a coach after also being a student-athlete at Notre Dame. It was a dream come true for me. I have the utmost respect for coach Bayliss, and it has been a great thrill to have the opportunity to work with him."

Sachire's effect on the Irish took absolutely no time. In his first season with Notre Dame, the Irish reached the NCAA Round of 16 for the second straight year, finished with the most victories in a single-season since 1980-81 and ended the campaign ranked sixth in the country (the highest ranking to close a season since being ranked third at the completion of the 1991-92 season). Sachire was also instrumental in the performance of departed senior Stephen Bass. Bass not only became the 18th All-American in Notre Dame men's tennis history, but also captured the John Van Nostrand Memorial Award, which provides a stipend to the top senior player embarking on a professional career (an award Sachire captured in 2000).

Head Coach Bob Bayliss on Ryan Sachire ...

"I was so excited about Ryan's joining us that I couldn't wait for practices to begin!" said Bayliss. "I truly feel that we have the top assistant coach in the country and that his presence will energize our players to achieve new success this year. When Ryan enrolled at Notre Dame, he brought the same infectious enthusiasm. On top of that, it really helps to have someone who has won professional tournaments and played at a top 300-400 ATP level out on the courts with our guys."



Sachire was instrumental in helping Baylor compile an outstanding season in 2005-06. Despite losing two NCAA singles champions (Benjamin Becker and Benedikt Dorsch) to graduation, the Bears finished 25-7 and #4 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national rankings. Baylor advanced all the way to the semifinals of the NCAA Championship before falling 4-3 to then-undefeated national #1 Georgia. The Bears won their fifth consecutive Big 12 Conference championship, slugging their way through a league that saw five teams finish among the national top 25. Sachire also helped several individual players to strong performances, as sophomore Lars Poerschke ascended to the national #1 ranking in singles on Jan. 10, 2006, and went on to be an All-American. Baylor ended up with three players (Poerschke #4, Michal Kokta #34, Matija Zgaga #62) and two doubles teams (Kokta/Poerschke #11, John Reckewey/Zgaga #51) in the final ITA national rankings.

"Ryan was a big part of our success this past season at Baylor," said BU head coach Matt Knoll. "While we are sorry to lose him, we understand that he and his wife Cindy are going home to Notre Dame. The Baylor family wishes them the very best."

Six years after graduating, Sachire remains one of the top players in Irish tennis history. He is the only Notre Dame player ever to win 30-plus singles matches in all four of his collegiate seasons and one of only two to earn four invitations to the NCAA Singles Championship. One of three Notre Dame players ever to be a three-year All-American, he finished in the national top 40 in singles four times and on five occasions appeared at a career-high of #2 in the ITA national singles rankings (four of those instances saw him behind only Harvard's James Blake, now ranked fifth in the world). Sachire posted a 138-43 record in singles – placing him second on Notre Dame's all-time wins list – and a 73-32 mark in doubles. In 2000, he swept the ITA's major awards for seniors, being tabbed the Ted A. Farnsworth/ITA National Senior Player of the Year

and winning the John Van Nostrand Memorial Award, which provides a stipend to the top senior player embarking on a professional career.

"The hiring of Ryan Sachire at Notre Dame is going to have an immediate and positive impact on their team," said Harvard head coach Dave Fish. "He has played at

the highest levels of the college game and had some outstanding results at the professional level. The Notre Dame players will benefit instantly from his expertise and presence on the court."

An elite singles player throughout his career – who was 72-19 at No. 1 singles – he was a regular in the collegiate grand slams. Sachire's best result was a trip to the title match of the 1998 ITA All-American Championships, where he lost to Blake. He also won the consolation title in the 1999 ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships and reached the semifinals of the 1999 ITA National Clay Court Championships. He also reached the semifinals of the

ITA Midwest Championships three times, including a runner-up result in 1996. Sachire three times was invited to be on the elite USTA Summer Collegiate Team that trains and plays pro tournaments together in the summer.

Sachire ranks among the top five in 13 different categories in the Irish record book. Among his notable career rankings are second in combined singles and doubles victories (211) and combined singles and doubles dual-match victories (141), third in wins at No. 1 singles and doubles dual-match victories (64), as well as fifth in singles dual-match wins (77).

He helped the Irish compile a 67-33 (.670) mark during his collegiate days, as well as four consecutive finishes in the national top 35 (including 16th in 1997), four NCAA tournament bids, and the 1999 BIG EAST Conference championship. Sachire was twice tabbed the conference tournament MVP and was the ITA Midwest Region Player of the Year in 1998 and 2000 after being the region's top rookie in '97. He was voted the team's MVP four times. A two-time BIG EAST Conference Academic All-Star, Sachire graduated in 2000 with a degree in economics.

Upon leaving Notre Dame, Sachire played five years of professional tennis, climbing to as high as 184th in the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) world doubles rankings and 391st in singles. He captured 16 tournament titles in doubles, 14 on the futures circuit, as well as challenger-level championships at Waco in 2002 and Atlantic City in '03. In singles, Sachire has a pair of pro titles to his credit, winning futures events in St. Joseph, Mo. (2002), and Lachine, Quebec (2003). He was among the top 35 American players in the ATP rankings in both singles and doubles and also served as director of tennis for the Wickertree Tennis and Fitness Center in Columbus, Ohio, before joining the Baylor staff.

Born April 2, 1978, Sachire is a native of Canfield, Ohio, and a 1996 graduate of Canfield High School. He dropped just five singles matches during his entire prep career en route to capturing a pair of Ohio state singles titles. He also was ranked as high as 24th in the USTA national singles rankings in the 16-and-under division.

Sachire married the former Cindy Harding – a 1999 Notre Dame graduate and former Irish cheerleader – on June 30, 2006, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus.



Dr. Hugh Page

**Volunteer Assistant Coach
Hampton '77**

Dr. Hugh Page, the dean of the First Year of Studies and an associate professor in both theology and Africana Studies at the University of Notre Dame, is in his 12th year as a volunteer assistant coach with the Irish.

Page has been active in teaching tennis since 1975, when he began his career with All American Sports, Inc., a pioneer in the tennis industry. He has worked at a number of tennis camps in New England and has coached ranked players from the U.S., South America, and Europe. He is a member of both the United States Professional Tennis Association and the United States Professional Tennis Registry.

Page, a 1977 graduate of Hampton University, holds master's and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University.



Jamie Rowland

**Racket Technician
Notre Dame '08**

Jamie Rowland is in his second year with the men's tennis program, serving as the team's racket technician. A native of the Minneapolis suburb of Plymouth, Minn., and a graduate of Wayzata High School – where he was on the tennis team – Rowland handles all stringing and customization of rackets and assists the coaching staff as needed in the program's day-to-day operation.

Born Feb. 2, 1986, and the son of Bill and Jill Rowland, he is a sophomore at Notre Dame and enrolled in the College of Engineering as a mechanical engineering major.

Additional Men's Tennis Support Staff



Stan Wilcox
Deputy Director
of Athletics



Kate Fox
Academic Services



Tony Sutton
Athletic Trainer



Sara Wonderlich
Sports Information



Sue Molnar
Tennis Secretary/
Sr. Staff Assistant



Jerry Bartkowiak
Eck Desk Attendant



Mary Davis
Eck Desk Attendant



Chuck Shock
Eck Desk Attendant



Howard Thornton
Eck Desk Attendant