



NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE



19 All-Americans • 70 All-Conference Selections
11 NCAA Tournament Appearances (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008-10, 2012-16)

HISTORIC SEASON FOR IRISH COMES WITHIN 60 MINUTES OF CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

- The 2016 Irish reached the quarterfinal stage of the NCAA Championship for the fourth time in school history before falling to North Carolina at Fetzer Field. The Irish held the Tar Heels to 10 goals, their lowest scoring output of their four-game run to the national championship.
- Notre Dame's 2016 season saw the Irish advance deep into both the ACC and NCAA championships on the backbone of the nation's top turnover causing defense and one of its elite offenses.

NOTRE DAME IN THE POLLS

- Notre Dame finished the 2016 season at No. 7 in the IWFLCA coaches poll, No. 7 in the Lacrosse Magazine media poll and No. 8 in the Inside Lacrosse media poll.
- On March 21, Notre Dame was ranked No. 4 in all three polls, the highest the Irish have been ranked since checking in at No. 2 on April, 13, 2004, still the high-water mark in program history. The April 3 game at North Carolina and March 26 game against Syracuse were the first all-top-five matchups for the Irish since falling, 9-7, at No. 5 Georgetown on April 17, 2004.
- The Fighting Irish faced their 15th ranked opponent of the year (out of 21 games) in the NCAA quarterfinals at North Carolina, going 8-7. In fact, the Irish faced their 10th top 10 foe of the year at UNC, including its fourth in a row to end the season.
- The Tar Heels were the ninth straight ranked foe for the Irish and the 12th in the season's final 13 games. Every opponent Notre Dame faced in April and May was ranked in the top 15 nationally.

NOTRE DAME ENJOYED ONE OF ITS WINNINGEST YEARS

- Notre Dame had one of the winningest seasons in school history in 2016.
- The 14 wins stands as the third-most in a single season in school history.
- The school record for most wins in 16, established in 2009. The record for most wins in the regular season alone is 13, set in 2006, matched in 2012, and nearly met in 2016 as well with this past year's 12.

MOST WINS IN A SEASON

Wins	Years
16	2009
15	2006
14	2016

IRISH RUN WILD AGAINST WILDCATS IN NCAA SECOND ROUND

- With the benefit of having earned both a first round bye and home field advantage, Notre Dame produced a historic demolition of regional rival Northwestern in the NCAA second round, defeating the Big Ten runner-up, 15-3, on May 15 at Arlotta Stadium.
- Three goals by Northwestern marked its lowest offensive output in any contest since a 14-3 loss to Syracuse on May 3, 2003.
- The 15-3 win tied for the worst defeat in the Wildcats' long NCAA Championship history with a 12-goal loss to Maryland (17-5) in 2015.
- Stymied by the unrelenting pressure of the Irish defense, the Wildcats attempted a season-low 16 shots against Notre Dame while turning the ball over 21 times, matching a season-high by Northwestern set on April 10 against Notre Dame. In fact, including the 2015 season, each of Northwestern's last three contests with at least 20 turnovers have come against the Irish.

IRISH CLAIM FIRST NCAA STATISTICAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- For the first time, Notre Dame led the nation in a major statistical category as the Irish topped the country by averaging 14.00 caused turnovers per game. Notre Dame's 294 total caused turnovers also paced America.
- The 14.00 caused turnovers per game by Notre Dame are the most nationally since Dartmouth averaged 14.32 in 2005.
- The 294 total caused turnovers rank fifth in NCAA history and are the most nationally since North Carolina caused 295 in 2002.
- Not only did the Irish lead the country in caused turnovers, but they did so by a significant margin. UConn ranked second at just 12.41 caused turnovers per game. Only the Huskies and USC (12.05) came within two caused turnovers per game of the Irish. The +1.59 margin over second place is the most since 2012 when Denver (12.60) topped Loyola (10.95) by +1.65 caused turnovers per game.

2016 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

OVERALL: 14-7 | ACC: 4-3
HOME: 8-2 | AWAY: 4-4 | NEUTRAL: 2-1

February

6 Sat.	at Jacksonville (ESPN3)	W, 18-5
13 Sat.	#15 Stanford (WatchND)	W, 13-9
21 Sun.	#9 Boston College* (WatchND)	W, 14-4
26 Fri.	Colorado (WatchND)	W, 14-4
28 Sun.	California (WatchND)	W, 21-2

March

5 Sat.	at #11 Louisville* (ESPN3)	L, 9-10 (OT)
8 Tue.	at Virginia Tech*	W, 19-10
9 Wed.	vs. Liberty#	W, 25-2
13 Sun.	#7 Princeton (ESPN3)	W, 16-11
19 Sat.	#9 Virginia* (WatchND)	W, 16-4
26 Sat.	#5 Syracuse* (ESPN3)	L, 11-12
28 Mon.	at Marquette	W, 17-9

April

3 Sun.	at #3 North Carolina*	L, 8-14
10 Sun.	at #13 Northwestern	L, 12-17
16 Sat.	#13 Duke* (WatchND)	W, 10-9 (OT)
18 Mon.	#6 USC (ESPN3)	L, 4-5
23 Sat.	at #15 Ohio State	W, 17-9
28 Thurs.	vs. #8 Louisville (ACC RSN)#	W, 12-10
29 Fri.	vs. #4 Syracuse (ACC RSN)#	L, 5-9

May

15 Sun.	#10 Northwestern (ESPN3)	W, 15-3
21 Sat.	at #3 North Carolina (ESPN3)	L, 6-10

Home games in **BOLD**

*ACC conference games

at Blacksburg, Va.

MEET THE TEAM

Starting Lineup (at North Carolina - NCAA Quarters)

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	GP/GS
#1	Kiera McMullan	A	Sr.	21/21
#5	Rachel Sexton	A	Sr.	21/21
#6	Stephanie Toy (C)	M	Sr.	21/21
#8	Stephanie Peragallo (C)	D	Sr.	21/21
#12	Alex Dalton	M	Jr.	17/15
#13	Katherine Eilers	M	Jr.	20/16
#15	Cortney Fortunato	A	Jr.	21/21
#17	Barbara Sullivan (C)	D	Jr.	21/21
#21	Grace Muller	A	Jr.	21/9
#23	Samantha Giacalone	GK	Fr.	21/21
#24	Casey Pearsall	M	Jr.	21/21
#32	Brie Custis (C)	D	Sr.	21/21

Reserves (at North Carolina - NCAA Quarterfinals)

#2	Hannah Hartman	M/D	Sr.	13/0
#3	Nikki Ortega	A	Fr.	21/14
#4	Emma Claire Fontenot	M	Jr.	7/0
#7	Danielle Lukish	D	Sr.	2/0
#9	Sydney Cardozo	A/M	So.	11/0
#10	Hannah Proctor	D	Fr.	6/0
#11	Austin Pruitt	M/D	Sr.	12/0
#14	Heidi Annaheim	A	Jr.	11/7
#16	Michele Phillips	M	Sr.	9/0
#18	Caroline Doyle	D	So.	7/0
#19	Makenna Pearsall	M/D	Fr.	0/0
#20	Jenn Casadonte	M	Fr.	20/0
#22	Molly Cobb	M	So.	21/1
#25	Rory Byrne	D	So.	0/0
#26	Katherine McManus	D	Sr.	16/0
#27	Abi Cullinan	A	So.	0/0
#28	Hannah Rees	D	Jr.	7/0
#30	Nicole Fantozzi	GK	Sr.	5/0
#33	Samantha Lynch	M	Fr.	14/1
#35	Liz O'Sullivan	GK	Jr.	0/0
#36	Sydney Flynn	M	Fr.	6/0



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CONSISTENT CAUSED TURNOVER LEADERS

- Preaching a "fast, aggressive, passionate and together" defensive scheme, Notre Dame has regularly been among the best in the country in caused turnovers under head coach Christine Halfpenny and 2016 was no exception.
- The Irish by far led the nation by causing 14.00 turnovers per game.
- Notre Dame has now finished in the top 10 nationally in caused turnovers for the fifth consecutive season under Halfpenny and led its league for the fourth year in a row.
- The 2016 Irish topped both the ACC and the nation with 14.00 caused turnovers per game.
- The 2015 Irish topped the ACC and ranked third nationally with 11.05 caused turnovers per game.
- The 2014 Irish topped the ACC and ranked sixth nationally with 10.53 caused turnovers per game.
- The 2013 Irish led the BIG EAST and ranked third nationally with 11.12 caused turnovers per game.
- The 2012 Irish were ninth in the country with 9.39 caused turnovers per game and third in the BIG EAST.
- Individually in 2016, Notre Dame had three of the top five and five of the top nine in the ACC in caused turnovers per game. Barbara Sullivan led the ACC by causing 2.62 turnovers per game while Brie Custis was fourth at 1.76 and Cortney Fortunato stood fifth in the elite league by causing 1.48 turnovers per game. Stephanie Peragallo stood sixth in the ACC at 1.24 caused turnovers per game while Stephanie Toy was ninth at 1.14.

ND AMONG BEST AT BOTH ENDS OF THE FIELD

- Notre Dame dominated most of its 2016 opponents and that dominance is reflected in the final NCAA rankings.
- The Irish were seventh in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 13.43 goals per game. Notre Dame ranked 19th nationally in scoring defense at 8.00 goals allowed per game, leaving the Irish ninth in the country in scoring margin at +5.43 goals per game.
- Notre Dame scored at least 18 goals in a game four times this past spring. Only the 2001 and 2009 Irish teams scored at least 18 goals in a game more than four times in a single season.

IRISH FACED CHALLENGING SCHEDULE

- Notre Dame faced perhaps the toughest schedule in the nation this past spring.
- Of Notre Dame's 17 regular season opponents, 11 were ranked in the preseason polls and 12 were selected for the 2015 NCAA Championship.
- The Irish gauntlet began with three straight NCAA tournament teams as Notre Dame traveled to three-time defending Atlantic Sun champions Jacksonville before playing host to Stanford and Boston College. Nationally, only Northwestern opened its 2016 season with a longer run of teams defending NCAA championship bids. Oddly, each of Northwestern's four such games came against ACC teams.
- In addition to a league slate which featured seven NCAA Championship teams out of its eight members, Notre Dame stepped out of conference to face 2015 NCAA participants Jacksonville (Feb. 6), Stanford (Feb. 13), Princeton (March 13), Northwestern (April 10), USC (April 18) and Ohio State (April 23).

NEAR-PERFECT OUT OF CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame went 8-2 in regular-season non-conference games, including wins over No. 7 Princeton, No. 15 Stanford, No. 15 Ohio State and three-time defending Atlantic Sun champion Jacksonville. The record was blemished merely by a loss at No. 13 Northwestern and one to No. 5 USC.
- The record continued a recent trend for the Irish. Although Notre Dame has routinely played some of the nation's most difficult non-conference schedules under head coach Christine Halfpenny, they have generally handled them well.
- Notre Dame is 34-9 in regular-season non-conference games since Halfpenny took over in 2012, going 7-1 in 2012, 7-1 in 2013, 6-2 in 2014, 6-3 in 2015 and 8-2 in 2016.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

- Notre Dame competed in the NCAA Championship for the school-record fifth consecutive year and the eighth time in the last nine years.
- The Irish made their 11th NCAA Championship appearance overall and stand at 7-11 all-time in the event.
- The Irish appeared in the quarterfinals for the first time since 2009, matching the school's best finish since reaching the semifinals in 2006.
- The Irish hosted NCAA Championship games for the fifth time and the first since 2014. It was the first time that Notre Dame had hosted NCAAAs twice in a three-year span. The Irish also hosted NCAA tournament games in 2002, 2006 and 2009.
- The first two rounds of the NCAAAs marked the second NCAA Championship games at Arlotta Stadium which opened in 2010. The Irish also played host to postseason NCAA competition there in 2014.

2002: QUARTERFINALS

May 9: *Notre Dame* 11, Ohio State 7

May 12: *Princeton* 11, Notre Dame 5

2004: FIRST ROUND

May 13: *Northwestern* 10, Notre Dame 8

2006: SEMIFINALS

May 14: *Notre Dame* 16, Cornell 8

May 20: *Notre Dame* 12, Georgetown 9

May 26: Dartmouth 14, Notre Dame 8 (*at Boston*)

2008: FIRST ROUND

May 11: *Northwestern* 15, Notre Dame 7

2009: QUARTERFINALS

May 10: *Notre Dame* 19, Vanderbilt 13

May 16: *North Carolina* 16, Notre Dame 10

2010: FIRST ROUND

May 15: *Northwestern* 19, Notre Dame 7

2012: FIRST ROUND

May 12: *Northwestern* 12, Notre Dame 7

2013: FIRST ROUND

May 10: Stanford 8, Notre Dame 7 (*at Evanston, Ill.*)

2014: SECOND ROUND

May 9: *Notre Dame* 18, High Point 4

May 11: Duke 10, *Notre Dame* 8

2015: SECOND ROUND

May 8: Notre Dame 13, Ohio St. 11 (*at Evanston, Ill.*)

May 10: *Northwestern* 16, Notre Dame 11

2016: QUARTERFINALS

May 15: *Notre Dame* 15, Northwestern 3

May 21: *North Carolina* 10, Notre Dame 6

Home team in italics

CONSISTENT STARTERS

- Notre Dame seldom had to alter its starting lineup from the season opener on Feb. 6 at Jacksonville until the NCAA quarterfinals on May 21 - a consistency which benefited the club in 2016.
- Nine players (Brie Custis, Cortney Fortunato, Samantha Giacalone, Kiera McMullan, Casey Pearsall, Stephanie Peragallo, Rachel Sexton, Barbara Sullivan and Stephanie Toy) started all 21 games.
- Additionally, Katherine Eilers started 16 games while Alex Dalton started 15 and Nikki Ortega started 14 of the team's 21 games, giving Notre Dame 12 players who have started at least 14 contests in 2016.

BETTER BALL MOVEMENT ADDS UP TO GOALS

- Notre Dame's offense, ripe with seniors and juniors along with freshman and United States Under-19 National Team member Nikki Ortega, found success in 2016.
- The evolution of the Irish offense since the core of the group arrived in 2014 has seen it evolve from one which relied on individual efforts to one with a true flow and motion.
- The Irish ranked ninth in the nation this past year by averaging 6.62 assists per game, a result of the motion which helped the team rank seventh in the nation with 13.43 goals per game.
- Twice in February, the Irish broke the previous school record for the most assists in a game, first notching 15 at Jacksonville on Feb. 6 and the recording 16 on Feb. 28 against California. The previous high of 14, remarkably, had stood since a win over Ohio on March 11, 2000.

CAN'T MOVE THE BALL AGAINST IRISH D

- Notre Dame's dominant defense allowed just 8.00 goals per game, ranking 19th nationally.
- Evidence of just how effective the Irish were on restricting opposing offenses comes in the assist column. Unable to circulate the ball between players efficiently, Irish opponents did not record an assisted goal in each of three straight games during the 2016 season.
- All of the combined 10 goals scored by Boston College (Feb. 21), Colorado (Feb. 26) and California (Feb. 28) were unassisted tallies with seven of those being free position goals.
- In all, 190:10 of elapsed game time passed between assisted goals against the Irish, between the final 3:10 of the Feb. 13 Stanford game and the first 7:00 of the March 5 game at Louisville.
- For the season, only 58 of the 168 goals (34.5%) allowed by the Irish were assisted. For comparison, the Irish picked up 139 assists on their 282 goals (49.3%).

RECORD FOR FIVE-GOAL DEFENSIVE GAMES

- The Irish allowed five goals or less in six of the first 10 games and eight overall including the 15-3 NCAA second round win over Northwestern on May 15.
- In Game 16, against No. 5 USC on April 18, the Irish held the nation's leading scoring offense to just five goals, by far its season low.
- This seventh game surrendering five goals or less established a school record. The previous Notre Dame benchmark in this category was six, set in 2002.

OUTSHOOTING OPPONENTS REGULARLY

- Whether a result of its own offensive aggression or its stifling defense, the Irish are generally the more active of the two teams on offense during its games.
- Notre Dame outshot its opponent in 18 of its 21 games this past spring and often by a wide margin.
- On the season, Notre Dame averaged 31.2 shots per game (656 total) while its opponents averaged just 19.3 shots per game (406).
- The Irish were 14-4 in 2016 when outshooting its opposition. Only Louisville (28-26), North Carolina (28-21) and Syracuse (20-17) took more shots than Notre Dame in a game this past season, all three producing winning efforts.

DOMINATING RUNS KEY TO VICTORY

- Putting together remarkable extended stretches of play to solidify victories has been a calling card for the Irish in 2016. Notre Dame enjoyed a scoring run of at least eight goals in each of the first five games this year and in six of the first eight games overall.
- The Irish enjoyed at least a 6-0 run in 11 of its 21 games, including the March 13 win over Princeton which the Irish strung together six consecutive goals around halftime, the March 19 game against Virginia which saw two 6-0 Irish runs, the April 23 Ohio State game where a 6-0 run in the second half put victory out of reach for the Buckeyes and the ACC quarter-final win over Louisville which included a 7-0 spurt.
- In addition to the 12-goal run to open the game against Liberty on March 9, the Irish also had a seven-goal run later in the contest.

2016 IRISH EIGHT-PLUS GOAL SCORING RUNS

Opponent	Goals	Started	Ended
California	16	0-0	16-0
Colorado	12	0-0	12-0
Liberty	12	0-0	12-0
Jacksonville	11	3-2	14-2
Boston College	10	1-2	11-2
Northwestern	9	6-3	15-3
Stanford	8	3-6	11-6

SULLIVAN STANDS ALONE

- Already possessing the school career record for draw controls entering 2015, (finishing with 269), Barbara Sullivan added another Notre Dame career benchmark to her resume in 2016.
- With the first of her five caused turnovers during the March 9 win over Liberty, Sullivan surpassed her former Irish teammate Margaret Smith (2011-14) for the school career record. Smith caused 122 turnovers while Sullivan's final career sum stands at 159.
- Sullivan also narrowly ranks second in Irish lore with her 188 career ground balls.
- With her second caused turnover in the win over No. 13 Duke on April 16, Sullivan set a school record for caused turnovers in a season with 47. She boasts 55 in 2016. In 2015, she set the school seasonal draw control benchmark with 83.
- On a single-game basis, Sullivan tied Shaylyn Blaney's school record by causing seven turnovers in the win over No. 15 Stanford on Feb. 13. She then matched that sum by causing seven turnovers against No. 7 Princeton on March 13.
- Thus, Sullivan holds the single-game, single-season and career school records for both caused turnovers and draw controls.
- On a national level, Sullivan's 159 career caused turnovers rank 13th in NCAA Division I history and her 269 draw controls rank 21st in Division I lore.

DEPTH IN SCORING

- Courtney Fortunato ranked fifth in the nation with her 91 points and Rachel Sexton is not far behind her with 57, tying for 74th nationally.
- The Irish had seven players with at least 25 points already this past year in Fortunato (91), Sexton (57), Casey Pearsall (52), Kiera McMullan (45), Nikki Ortega (35), Grace Muller (34) and Heidi Annaheim (25).
- Hitting the mark just 12 games into the 2016 season, having seven players with at least 25 points tied Notre Dame's school record for an entire season. The 2009 and 2011 teams each had seven 25-point scorers to establish the Irish benchmark.
- Additionally, Stephanie Toy (22) and Alex Dalton (21) recorded at least 20 points this past year, tying the school record of nine players hitting that milestone that was set in 2015.
- Fortunato and Sexton are the first Irish teammates to both amass 40 goals since 2009.
- Fortunato, Sexton and Pearsall are the first Irish trio to all amass 50 points since 2009.

IF CORT GETS THREE, IRISH FIND GLEE

- If Courtney Fortunato gets a hat trick, the odds are pretty substantial that Notre Dame will win the game.
- In her career, Fortunato has 31 hat tricks and the Irish have compiled a 26-5 record in those contests.
- When Fortunato is held to two goals or less in a game, the Irish are just 9-20.
- Fortunato had at least three goals in each of Notre Dame's first five games this past year and had 13 hat tricks on the season. The Irish went 12-1 on the season in these games, losing only at Northwestern (April 10) despite a five-goal performance by the junior. The Irish were 2-6 when Fortunato scored less than three goals in 2016, beating Virginia Tech and Marquette while losing to Louisville, Syracuse (twice), North Carolina (twice) and USC.
- The Irish saw eight players record a total of 35 hat tricks in 2016. Of the 35 hat tricks, 32 came in a winning cause.

2016 NOTRE DAME HAT TRICKS

Player	No.	Rec.	Most Recent
Fortunato	13	12-1	5/15 vs. N'western
Sexton	8	8-0	4/16 vs. Duke
Muller	4	4-0	5/15 vs. N'western
Ortega	3	3-0	3/28 at Marquette
C. Pearsall	3	2-1	4/23 at Ohio State
Annaheim	2	2-0	2/28 vs. California
Dalton	1	1-0	2/13 vs. Stanford
McMullan	1	0-1	3/5 at Louisville

FORTUNATE ONE

- Courtney Fortunato led the ACC in several major offensive categories.
- Fortunato stood atop her peers for 2016 as she topped the league in goals (64), goals per game (3.05), points (91) and points per game (4.33). The points and points per game totals each stand fifth and 11th, respectively, in the nation while the 62 goals rank seventh.
- In addition, Fortunato's 27 assists ranked 39th nationally and sixth in the ACC. Fortunato's 1.35 assists per game were also sixth in the ACC.

FRESHMEN MADE AN IMPACT

- While the Irish returned 11 of their 12 starters from 2015, the roster was even further enhanced by adding the No. 3-ranked recruiting class in the nation. Several of its members made an immediate impact.

- Goalie Samantha Giacalone comfortably earned the starting nod during fall practice and has stood among the best in the nation in 2016. Giacalone set a school record with her 1233:56 of playing time and ranked 21st nationally with a 7.97 goals against average.
- She was named the ACC's Defensive Player of the Week on Feb. 23 after making 13 saves in the team's win over No. 9 Boston College and was twice named the national freshman of the week, following wins over Ohio State and Northwestern.
- On attack, Nikki Ortega was fifth on the team with her 35 points. Starting 14 games, Ortega also showed an ability to pass the ball, tying for fourth on the team with 14 assists. Her 20 ground balls were second among all members of Notre Dame's attack unit.
- Jenn Casadonte saw significant playing time in the Irish midfield in 20 contests this past year. She scored nine times and added an assist for 10 points. She has also contributed 12 ground balls, 12 draw controls and five caused turnovers.
- Samantha Lynch came on during the second half of the year as a possible option on draw controls. She used her height and strength to control 13 draws over her 14 games played. Lynch scored four goals as well while adding an assist. She made her first start on April 18 against No. 5 USC.
- Freshmen Hannah Proctor (six games) and Sydney Flynn (six games) also saw action for the Irish this past year while freshman Makenna Pearsall sat out for the season due to injury.

IRISH A NATIONAL LEADER IN ACADEMICS

- The women's lacrosse team was one of 16 Notre Dame programs to earn an NCAA APR public recognition award.
- Only Stanford (17) had more such awards nationally than Notre Dame.
- Not only did the Irish rank in the top 10 percent of women's lacrosse programs to earn this honor, but the Irish achieved a perfect APR score of 1000.

SULLIVAN A REPEAT TEWAARATON FINALIST

- For the first time in the history of the Tewaaraton Award, there is a two-time finalist who plays defense. Barbara Sullivan has been named as one of five 2016 finalists, just as she was in 2015.
- Last year, Sullivan became the sixth defensive player ever to reach this final stage of the voting. This year she has eclipsed several of her 2015 seasonal totals, including a school-record 55 caused turnovers.
- The two-time ACC Defensive Player of the Year, Sullivan holds the school single-game, single-season and career records for both caused turnovers and ground balls. Twice this spring, Sullivan matched the school-record with seven caused turnovers in one game with those efforts coming against NCAA Championship participants Stanford and Princeton.
- Sullivan is the first woman to ever be named a Tewaaraton finalist twice as a defensive player. Only two players have accomplished this feat on the men's side, Syracuse's Joel White (2010-11) and Georgetown's Brodie Merrill (2004-05).
- Notre Dame is the only school with both a men's and women's finalist in 2016 as Matt Landis has reached this final stage of the men's voting as well.

THREE NAMED ALL-AMERICAN

Notre Dame is playing in the NCAA quarterfinals on Saturday so, fittingly, a quarter of the team's starting lineup earned IWLCA All-American accolades.

- Courtney Fortunato and Barbara Sullivan were both named to the All-America first team while Casey Pearsall earned a spot on the All-America third team. It is Sullivan's third first-team All-America honor, joining the 2013 and 2015 seasons. Fortunato was also a first-team All-American last year after making the third team as a freshman in 2014. Pearsall appears on the third team for the second year in a row.

GIACOLONE NATIONAL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

- Inside Lacrosse named Samantha Giacolone as its National Rookie of the Week on April 26. Giacolone backstopped an Irish defense that held both No. 5 USC and No. 15 Ohio State to single-digit goal totals.
- Against USC, the nation's leader in scoring offense, Giacolone stopped nine of the Trojans' 14 shots on goal (64.3%) in holding the Women of Troy to comfortably their lowest scoring output of their undefeated season to date. She also tied for the Irish team lead against USC by scooping up three ground balls.
- At Ohio State, Giacolone made eight more saves as Notre Dame picked up a 17-9 win at Ohio Stadium. She also caused three Buckeye turnovers on intercepted or deflected passes around the net and collected two ground balls.
- She earned the honor again on May 18 following her role in holding Northwestern to just three goals - matching the Wildcats' lowest offensive output since a 14-3 loss to Syracuse on May 3, 2003. Giacolone made eight saves in Notre Dame's NCAA second round win, seven of them coming in a second half.

NAT'L PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR SEXTON

- Rachel Sexton's stellar Senior Day performance against Duke resonated nationally as she was named the IWLCA's National Player of the Week on April 20.
- The senior capped a Senior Day hat trick by scoring the game-winning goal in overtime, unassisted, as the Irish downed Duke 10-9 to ensure their first winning-record in ACC play. Sexton had three goals and an assist as the Irish leaned on their senior experience while erasing four deficits to defeat Duke.
- Sexton also caused a crucial turnover in the game. With the Irish down 9-7 and under three minutes to play, Sexton forced the Blue Devils to cough up the ball, a possession which led to the goal that made it 9-8 with 2:15 left, helping spur the Irish on to victory.
- It was the second week in a row that a member of the Sexton family had claimed a weekly award. Sexton's younger brother, John, a sophomore long-stick midfielder for the No. 1-ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team, earned ACC Defensive Player of the Week accolades on April 11.

NAT'L PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR SULLIVAN

- If defense truly does win championships as the saying goes, Notre Dame knows it claims the country's best in Barbara Sullivan. The two-time first-team All-American and Tewaaraton Award finalist added to her accomplishment list on Feb. 16 by being named the Lacrosse Magazine Player of the Week.
- Sullivan's defensive work, including a school-record-tying seven caused turnovers, allowed the No. 8 Irish to withstand an early flurry and eventually turn back No. 15 Stanford, 13-9, on Saturday afternoon.

- Sullivan also added a game-high six draw controls and three ground balls to the Notre Dame cause.

- The seven caused turnovers matched Shaylyn Blaney's sum on April 17, 2010, against Cincinnati for the school record.

SIX NAMED ALL-REGION

- Six Notre Dame players received all-region recognition from the IWLCA. Courtney Fortunato, Casey Pearsall and Barbara Sullivan all received first-team All-West/Midwest accolades while Brie Custis, Alex Dalton and Rachel Sexton earned a place on the all-region second team.
- Notre Dame's six led all teams in the West/Midwest region. Penn State and USC had five selections each.
- On a national level, the six picks match Duke, Florida, Maryland and North Carolina for the top total in the nation.
- The six all-region selections ties the Irish school record established in 2006.
- This is the third career all-region award for Dalton, Fortunato and Sullivan, the second for Pearsall and the first for both Custis and Sexton. Dalton (2015), Fortunato (2014-15), Pearsall (2015) and Sullivan (2013, 2015) have all previously gone on to earn All-America accolades during their time with the Irish.

FIVE NAMED ALL-ACC

- Reflecting Notre Dame's development as a program and the measure of respect the Fighting Irish have clawed to earn, Notre Dame landed five people on the 2016 All-ACC teams. The Irish had previously seen just three honorees during its first two seasons in the league, one in 2014 (Margaret Smith) and two in 2015 (Courtney Fortunato and Barbara Sullivan).
- Fortunato and Sullivan both earned first-team All-ACC accolades in 2016. The All-ACC second-team saw the inclusion of Casey Pearsall, Rachel Sexton and Stephanie Toy.
- Five selections tie for the most all-conference picks seen by the Irish since 2004 when Notre Dame placed a school-record six on the All-BIG EAST squads.
- Sullivan was also named the ACC Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

ACC WEEKLY HONORS ABOUND IN FEBRUARY

- Each of the first three sets of ACC Players of the Week included at least one Irish representative.
- The first edition highlighted Courtney Fortunato as the ACC Offensive Player of the Week after she tied her career high of eight points with four goals and four assists in the win at Jacksonville.
- Week two of the season saw Barbara Sullivan net the ACC Defensive Player of the Week award after she tied the school record with seven caused turnovers in the team's win over No. 15 Stanford.
- After beating No. 9 Boston College on Feb. 21, Notre Dame swept both the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week accolades with Fortunato earing the nod of offense and goalkeeper Samantha Giacolone picking up the defensive honor. Fortunato had a seven-point day with five goals and two assists. Giacolone made 13 saves while yielding just four Eagle goals in the win.

THREE ON TEWAARATON WATCH LIST

- Notre Dame had three players selected for the Tewaaraton Award preseason watch list - Alex Dalton, Courtney Fortunato and Barbara Sullivan.

- Sullivan was a finalist for the 2015 Tewaaraton, a rare occurrence as a defensive player. Sullivan and Fortunato were nominees for the award. This is Dalton's first appearance on a Tewaaraton watch list.
- Only Duke and Maryland (four each) had more players named to the watch list than the Irish.
- Reflecting the strength of the Notre Dame lacrosse programs of both genders, the No. 1 Irish men's team also had three (Matt Kavanagh, Matt Landis and Sergio Perkovic) included on the watch list.
- Only Notre Dame and Syracuse had three people named to both the men's and women's lists. Notre Dame's six combined recipients match Duke and Syracuse for the most in the nation.

FOUR CAPTAINS NAMED FOR 2016

- Notre Dame head coach Christine Halfpenny announced four captains for the 2016 season, Brie Custis, Stephanie Peragallo, Barbara Sullivan and Stephanie Toy.
- A graduate student, Sullivan served as a captain for the third year, placing her in elite company in school history. She was just the ninth three-year captain of any sport at Notre Dame and the second women's lacrosse player, joining Kathryn Lam (2000-02).
- Although purely coincidental, three of the four captains (Custis, Peragallo and Sullivan) were the team's three starting defenders.

HEAD COACH CHRISTINE HALFPENNY

- Christine Halfpenny is 60-35 (.632) in her five seasons as head coach at Notre Dame, having led the Fighting Irish to the NCAA Tournament in each of those five seasons at the helm.
- She is the first coach in school history to lead the Irish to four straight NCAA berths, let alone five.
- Halfpenny came from William & Mary where the Tribe won 10 games in each of the final four of her five years as head coach in Williamsburg.
- She is 103-79 (.566) in her 10-year head coaching career, hitting the century mark on April 16 with Notre Dame's thrilling overtime Senior Day win over Duke.
- Before becoming a head coach, she worked as a collegiate assistant coach at Duke, Virginia Tech (her alma mater) and Brown.

HALFPENNY HALF PENNIES

- Against both Princeton (March 13) and USC (April 18), Notre Dame distributed commemorative "half penny" coins to honor Christine Halfpenny.
- The shipment of specially-made bronze half pennies with Halfpenny's likeness was split in half and distributed to Irish fans against the Tigers and Women of Troy.
- At each game, the first 300 fans received a numbered ticket upon entry to Arlotta Stadium. At half time, half of the ticket holders won a half penny. If Notre Dame had scored an even number of first half goals, even numbered ticket holders won and likewise should the Irish have scored an odd number of goals before halftime.
- Tickets for the Princeton and USC games were, fittingly, just a half a penny each.



Active Scoring Streaks

ACTIVE GOAL SCORING STREAKS

Player	Games	Started
McMullan	5	April 23 at Ohio State
Fortunato	2	May 15 vs. Northwestern
Cobb	1	May 21 at North Carolina
Dalton	1	May 21 at North Carolina

ACTIVE ASSIST STREAKS

Player	Games	Started
Annaheim	4	March 8 at Virginia Tech

ACTIVE POINT SCORING STREAKS

Player	Games	Started
McMullan	17	Feb. 28 vs. California
Annaheim	4	March 8 at Virginia Tech
Fortunato	2	May 15 vs. Northwestern
Cobb	1	May 21 at North Carolina
Dalton	1	May 21 at North Carolina

WIRE-TO-WIRE WINS (7)

Feb. 6 at Jacksonville
Feb. 26 vs. Colorado
Feb. 28 vs. California
March 8 at Virginia Tech
March 9 vs. Liberty
March 28 at Marquette
May 15 vs. Northwestern

COME-FROM-BEHIND WINS (7)

Feb. 13 vs. Stanford (*trailed 4-1, 3:30 before half*)
Feb. 21 vs. BC (*trailed 2-1 in opening 6:42*)
March 13 vs. Princeton (*trailed 1-0 in opening 9:21*)
March 19 vs. Virginia (*trailed 2-1 in opening 12:35*)
April 16 vs. Duke (*trailed 9-7, 2:15 to play*)
April 23 at Ohio State (*trailed 3-2, 12:37 before half*)
April 28 vs. Louisville (*trailed 1-0 in opening 3:29*)

LOST WHEN LEADING (5)

March 5 at Louisville (*led 7-4, 24:24 to play*)
March 26 vs. Syracuse (*led 6-2, 7:33 before half*)
April 10 at Northwestern (*led 2-0, 3:34 into the game*)
April 18 vs. USC (*led 3-2, 13:28 before half*)
May 21 at North Carolina (*led 2-1, 21:56 before half*)

NEVER LED (2)

April 3 at North Carolina
April 29 vs. Syracuse

LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME:

4, trailed Duke, 6-2, 1:51 before halftime

LARGEST LEAD RELINQUISHED:

4, led Syracuse, 6-2, 7:33 before halftime

2016 Women's Lacrosse Honors

Brie Custis

- IWLCA All-Region Second Team
- ACC All-Academic Team

Alex Dalton

- Tewaaron Award Watch List
- Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America Second Team
- IWLCA All-Region Second Team
- ACC All-Academic Team

Courtney Fortunato

- Tewaaron Award Nominee
- Tewaaron Award Watch List
- IWLCA All-America First Team
- All Inside Lacrosse (ILWomen) Team
- Lacrosse Magazine Midseason All-America First Team
- Inside Lacrosse Midseason All-America First Team
- Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America First Team
- IWLCA All-Region First Team
- All-ACC First-Team
- Preseason All-ACC
- ACC Offensive Player of the Week (Feb. 9)
- ACC Offensive Player of the Week (Feb. 23)
- ACC All-Academic Team

Samantha Giacalone

- Inside Lacrosse All-Rookie Team
- ACC All-Tournament Team
- Inside Lacrosse National Rookie of the Week (April 26)
- Inside Lacrosse National Rookie of the Week (May 18)
- ACC Defensive Player of the Week (Feb. 23)

Nikki Ortega

- Inside Lacrosse All-Rookie Team

Casey Pearsall

- IWLCA All-America Third Team
- Inside Lacrosse Midseason All-America Second Team
- Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America Third Team
- IWLCA All-Region First Team
- All-ACC Second-Team
- ACC All-Academic Team

Stephanie Peragallo

- Inside Lacrosse Midseason All-America Third Team
- Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America Honorable Mention

Rachel Sexton

- IWLCA All-Region Second Team
- All-ACC Second-Team
- IWLCA National Player of the Week (April 20)
- ACC All-Academic Team

Barbara Sullivan

- Honda Sport Award Finalist
- Tewaaron Award Finalist
- Tewaaron Award Nominee
- Tewaaron Award Watch List
- IWLCA All-America First Team
- All Inside Lacrosse (ILWomen) Team
- Lacrosse Magazine All-America Team
- Lacrosse Magazine Midseason Most Outstanding Defender
- Lacrosse Magazine Midseason All-America First Team
- Inside Lacrosse Midseason All-America First Team
- Lacrosse Magazine Preseason All-America First Team
- Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-America First Team
- IWLCA All-Region First Team
- ACC Defensive Player of the Year
- All-ACC First-Team
- Preseason All-ACC
- ACC All-Tournament Team
- Lacrosse Magazine National Player of the Week (Feb. 16)
- Notre Dame Francis Patrick O'Connor Award

Stephanie Toy

- All-ACC Second-Team

2016 Women's Lacrosse Quick Facts

Notre Dame

Location.....	Notre Dame, IN 46556
Founded.....	1842
Enrollment.....	8,448 (undergraduate), 12,179 (total)
Nickname.....	Fighting Irish
Colors.....	Gold and Blue
President.....	Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
Provost.....	Dr. Thomas G. Burish
Director of Athletics.....	Jack Swarbrick
Women's Lacrosse Sport Administrator.....	Rob Kelly
Athletic Department Phone.....	(574) 631-6107
Conference.....	Atlantic Coast Conference
Home Facility (Indoor).....	Loftus Sports Center
Home Facility (Outdoor).....	Arlotta Stadium

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....	Christine Halfpenny (Virginia Tech '99)
Record at Notre Dame.....	60-35 (5th season)
Career Record.....	103-79 (10th season)
Assistant Coach.....	Sarah Dalton (Boston University '09)
Assistant Coach.....	Katie Powell (George Mason '07)
Director of Operations.....	Connor Sullivan (Notre Dame '14)
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Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse History

First Season.....	1997
All-Time Record.....	207-128 (.618)
BIG EAST Tournament Titles.....	1 (2009)
BIG EAST Finals Appearances.....	2 (Last: 2011)
ACC Tournament Titles.....	None
NCAA Appearances.....	11 (Last: 2016)
NCAA Best Finish.....	Semifinals (2006)
All-Conference.....	70 (5 in 2016)
All-Region.....	77 (6 in 2016)
IWLCA All-Americans.....	34 (3 in 2016)
Tewaaron Award Nominees.....	12 (Last: 2016, Fortunato, Sullivan)
Tewaaron Award Finalists.....	4 (Last: 2016, Barbara Sullivan)

Roster By Class

Graduate Students (1): Barbara Sullivan

Seniors (11): Brie Custis, Nicole Fantozzi, Hannah Hartman, Danielle Lukish, Katherine McManus, Kiera McMullan, Stephanie Peragallo, Michele Phillips, Austin Pruitt, Rachel Sexton, Stephanie Toy

Juniors (9): Heidi Annaheim, Alex Dalton, Katherine Eilers, Emma Claire Fontenot, Courtney Fortunato, Grace Muller, Liz O'Sullivan, Casey Pearsall, Hannah Rees

Sophomores (5): Rory Byrne, Sydney Cardozo, Molly Cobb, Abi Cullinan, Caroline Doyle

Freshmen (7): Jenn Casadonte, Sydney Flynn, Samantha Giacalone, Samantha Lynch, Nikki Ortega, Makenna Pearsall, Hannah Proctor

Notre Dame Fighting Irish Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hgt.	Hometown/High School
14	Heidi Annaheim**	A	Jr.	5-2	Kinnelon, N.J. / Kinnelon
25	Rory Byrne	D	So.	5-8	South Bend, Ind. / Culver Academies
9	Sydney Cardozo	A/M	So.	5-5	Richmond, Va. / Collegiate School
20	Jenn Casadonte	M	Fr.	5-5	Dix Hills, N.Y. / Half Hollow Hills
22	Molly Cobb*	M	So.	5-8	Towson, Md. / Notre Dame Prep
27	Abi Cullinan*	A	So.	5-5	Pittsford, N.Y. / Pittsford Mendon
32	Brie Custis (C)***	D	Sr.	5-10	Salisbury, Md. / Parkside
12	Alex Dalton**	M	Jr.	5-6	Needham, Mass. / Notre Dame Academy
18	Caroline Doyle	D	So.	5-4	Towson, Md. / Notre Dame Prep
13	Katherine Eilers**	M	Jr.	5-7	Winnetka, Ill. / Loyola Academy
30	Nicole Fantozzi	G	Sr.	5-5	Brecksville, Ohio / Brecksville-Broadview Heights
36	Sydney Flynn	M	Fr.	5-9	Louisville, Ky. / Sacred Heart Academy
4	Emma Claire Fontenot	M	Jr.	5-6	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
15	Cortney Fortunato**	A	Jr.	5-7	Northport, N.Y. / Northport
23	Samantha Giacalone	G	Fr.	5-4	Manorville, N.Y. / Eastville South Manor
2	Hannah Hartman**	M	Sr.	5-8	Cockeysville, Md. / Notre Dame Prep
7	Danielle Lukish*	D	Sr.	5-6	Lutherville, Md. / Notre Dame Prep
33	Samantha Lynch	M	Fr.	5-10	Huntington, N.Y. / Huntington
26	Katherine McManus*	D	Sr.	5-6	Sharon, Mass. / Thayer Academy
1	Kiera McMullan***	A	Sr.	5-6	West Nyack, N.Y. / Pearl River
21	Grace Muller**	A	Jr.	5-8	Ruxton, Md. / McDonogh School
3	Nikki Ortega	A	Fr.	5-6	Centereach, N.Y. / Centereach
35	Liz O'Sullivan**	G	Jr.	5-9	New Canaan, Conn. / New Canaan
24	Casey Pearsall**	M	Jr.	5-7	Wilton, Conn. / Wilton
19	Makenna Pearsall	M/D	Fr.	5-7	Wilton, Conn. / Wilton
8	Stephanie Peragallo (C)***	D	Sr.	5-5	Hauppauge, N.Y. / Hauppauge
16	Michele Phillips*	M	Sr.	5-4	Alexandria, Va. / St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
10	Hannah Proctor	D	Fr.	5-5	Radnor, Pa. / Radnor
11	Austin Pruitt*	M/D	Sr.	5-10	Richmond, Va. / Collegiate School
28	Hannah Rees	D	Jr.	5-11	Sykesville, Md. / McDonogh School
5	Rachel Sexton**	A	Sr.	5-5	Sudbury, Mass. / Lincoln-Sudbury
17	Barbara Sullivan (C)***	D	Gr.	5-10	Garden City, N.Y. / Garden City
6	Stephanie Toy (C)***	M	Sr.	5-6	Moorestown, N.J. / Moorestown

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1	Kiera McMullan***	A	Sr.	5-6	West Nyack, N.Y. / Pearl River
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3	Nikki Ortega	A	Fr.	5-6	Centereach, N.Y. / Centereach
4	Emma Claire Fontenot	M	Jr.	5-6	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
5	Rachel Sexton**	A	Sr.	5-5	Sudbury, Mass. / Lincoln-Sudbury
6	Stephanie Toy (C)***	M	Sr.	5-6	Moorestown, N.J. / Moorestown
7	Danielle Lukish*	D	Sr.	5-6	Lutherville, Md. / Notre Dame Prep
8	Stephanie Peragallo (C)***	D	Sr.	5-5	Hauppauge, N.Y. / Hauppauge
9	Sydney Cardozo	A/M	So.	5-5	Richmond, Va. / Collegiate School
10	Hannah Proctor	D	Fr.	5-5	Radnor, Pa. / Radnor
11	Austin Pruitt*	M/D	Sr.	5-10	Richmond, Va. / Collegiate School
12	Alex Dalton**	M	Jr.	5-6	Needham, Mass. / Notre Dame Academy
13	Katherine Eilers**	M	Jr.	5-7	Winnetka, Ill. / Loyola Academy
14	Heidi Annaheim**	A	Jr.	5-2	Kinnelon, N.J. / Kinnelon
15	Cortney Fortunato**	A	Jr.	5-7	Northport, N.Y. / Northport
16	Michele Phillips*	M	Sr.	5-4	Alexandria, Va. / St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
17	Barbara Sullivan (C)***	D	Gr.	5-10	Garden City, N.Y. / Garden City
18	Caroline Doyle	D	So.	5-4	Towson, Md. / Notre Dame Prep
19	Makenna Pearsall	M/D	Fr.	5-7	Wilton, Conn. / Wilton
20	Jenn Casadonte	M	Fr.	5-5	Dix Hills, N.Y. / Half Hollow Hills
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(C) denotes captains; * denotes monograms won

Head Coach: Christine Halfpenny

Assistant Coach: Katie Powell

Assistant Coach: Sarah Dalton

Operations Director: Connor Sullivan

Pronunciation Key

Jen Casadonte	cah-sah-dawn-tay	Danielle Lukish	loo-kish
Katherine Eilers	eye-lers	Kiera McMullan	keer-ah
Nicole Fantozzi	fan-TOE-zee	Grace Muller	mull-er
Emma Claire Fontenot	fon-ten-oh	Casey/Makenna Pearsall	peer-sawl
Samantha Giacalone	jack-uh-loan	Stephanie Peragallo	peh-rah-gal-low

IWLCA Coaches Poll

(Final)

No.	Team	Votes	Record
1	North Carolina*	400	20-2
2	Maryland	380	22-1
3	Syracuse*	352	19-6
4	Penn State	338	14-7
5	USC*	311	20-1
6	Florida	299	18-2
7	Notre Dame	287	14-7
8	Stony Brook	241	17-4
9	Penn	199	15-5
10	Stanford*	182	15-5
11	Duke*	169	11-9
12	Northwestern*	164	11-10
13	Massachusetts	163	20-2
14	Cornell	160	14-5
15	Louisville*	108	12-6
t16	Johns Hopkins	86	11-8
t16	Virginia*	86	9-9
18	Princeton*	85	11-6
19	Boston College*	72	10-9
20	Towson	59	16-4

* denotes 2016 opponents

ILWomen.com

(Final)

No.	Team
1	North Carolina*
2	Maryland
3	Syracuse*
4	USC*
5	Florida
6	Penn State
7	Stony Brook
8	Notre Dame
9	Penn
10	Stanford*
11	Massachusetts
12	Cornell
13	Louisville*
14	Northwestern*
15	Princeton*
16	Duke*
17	Johns Hopkins
18	Towson
19	Loyola (Md.)
20	Virginia*

* denotes 2016 opponents

Lax Magazine

(Final)

No.	Team
1	North Carolina*
2	Maryland
3	Syracuse*
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5	USC*
6	Florida
7	Notre Dame
8	Stony Brook
9	Massachusetts
10	Cornell
11	Penn
12	Stanford*
13	Duke*
14	Northwestern*
15	Johns Hopkins
16	Princeton*
17	Virginia*
18	Louisville*
19	Boston College*
20	Towson

* denotes 2016 opponents

Irish in the Polls

	IWLCA	ILWomen	Lax Mag.
Preseason	11	9	7
Feb. 8	11	-	7
Feb. 15	11	9	8
Feb. 22	T-7	6	5
Feb. 29	5	4	5
March 7	6	7	6
March 14	5	5	5
March 21	4	4	4
March 28	5	6	5
April 4	5	7	6
April 11	7	10	9
April 18	6	10	7
April 25	6	9	7
May 2	6	7	7
May 9	6	7	7
Final	7	8	7

Bold denotes season high ranking

Notre Dame Record Book Update

Single Season Goals

1.	Jillian Byers (2009)	83
2.	Crysti Foote (2006)	74
3.	Jillian Byers (2008)	67
4.	Cortney Fortunato (2016)	64
5.	Jillian Byers (2007)	58
6.	Cortney Fortunato (2015)	56
7.	Jillian Byers (2006)	54
8.	Gina Scioscia (2009)	53
9.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1999)	50
10.	Cortney Fortunato (2014)	46
	Kailene Abt (2009)	46
	Meredith Simon (2004)	46

Single Season Assists

1.	Maggie Tamasitis (2012)	59
2.	Maggie Tamasitis (2011)	46
3.	Gina Scioscia (2009)	43
4.	Crysti Foote (2006)	40
5.	Gina Scioscia (2008)	35
6.	Kerry Callahan (1999)	32
7.	Jillian Byers (2009)	28
	Meredith Simon (2004)	28
	Lael O'Shaughnessy (2001)	28
10.	Cortney Fortunato (2016)	27

Single Season Points

1.	Crysti Foote (2006)	114
2.	Jillian Byers (2009)	111
3.	Gina Scioscia (2009)	96
4.	Cortney Fortunato (2016)	91
5.	Maggie Tamasitis (2012)	82
6.	Jillian Byers (2008)	81
7.	Jillian Byers (2006)	78
8.	Cortney Fortunato (2015)	76
9.	Meredith Simon (2004)	74
10.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1999)	69

Single Season Draw Controls

1.	Barbara Sullivan (2015)	83
2.	Barbara Sullivan (2013)	67
3.	Barbara Sullivan (2016)	65
4.	Jillian Byers (2009)	55
5.	Jillian Byers (2008)	52

Single Season Caused Turnovers

1.	Barbara Sullivan (2016)	55
2.	Jackie Doherty (2011)	46
3.	Shannon Burke (2009)	44
4.	Margaret Smith (2014)	43
5.	Jackie Doherty (2010)	40
6.	Shaylyn Blaney (2011)	39
7.	Brie Custis (2016)	37
8.	Shaylyn Blaney (2010)	36
9.	Barbara Sullivan (2015)	35
	Kathryn Lam (2000)	35

Single Season Goalkeeper Wins

1.	Erin Goodman (2009)	16
2.	Carol Dixon (2006)	15
3.	Samantha Giacalone (2016)	14
4.	Jen White (2002)	13

Single Season Goals Against Average

1.	Jen White (2002)	7.49
2.	Samantha Giacalone (2016)	7.97
3.	Carol Dixon (2004)	8.57
4.	Ellie Hilling (2013)	8.81
5.	Jen White (2001)	9.25

Single Season Goalie Minutes Played

1.	Samantha Giacalone (2016)	1233:56
2.	Erin Goodman (2009)	1171:55
3.	Liz O'Sullivan (2015)	1134:22

Career Ground Balls

1.	Kathryn Lam (1999-02)	193
2.	Barbara Sullivan (2012-16)	188
3.	Tina Fedarcyk (1999-02)	177
	Jackie Doherty (2008-11)	177
5.	Margaret Smith (2011-14)	168
6.	Shannon Burke (2006-09)	139
7.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	137
8.	Erin Goodman (2006-09)	128

Career Draw Controls

1.	Barbara Sullivan (2012-16)	269
2.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	165
3.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	154
4.	Margaret Smith (2011-14)	151
5.	Alicia Moser (1999-02)	126
6.	Shannon Burke (2006-09)	124
7.	Casey Pearsall (2014-present)	122
8.	Jackie Doherty (2008-11)	112
9.	Kaki Orr (2004-07)	110

Career Caused Turnovers

1.	Barbara Sullivan (2012-16)	159
2.	Margaret Smith (2011-14)	122
3.	Jackie Doherty (2008-11)	117
4.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	113
5.	Tina Fedarcyk (1999-02)	107
6.	Shannon Burke (2006-09)	106
7.	Stephanie Peragallo (2013-16)	102
8.	Becky Ranck (2005-08)	83
	Kathryn Lam (1999-02)	83

Career Goals

1.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	262
2.	Cortney Fortunato (2014-present)	166
3.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	162
4.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	161
5.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	152
6.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	130
7.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	122
8.	Rachel Sexton (2013-16)	116
	Gina Scioscia (2007-10)	116
10.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	109

Career Assists

1.	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-12)	151
2.	Gina Scioscia (2007-10)	106
3.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	80
4.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	76
5.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	74
6.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	68
7.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	66
8.	Cortney Fortunato (2014-present)	64
9.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	63

Career Points

1.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	336
2.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	237
3.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	232
4.	Cortney Fortunato (2014-present)	230
5.	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-12)	228
6.	Gina Scioscia (2007-10)	222
7.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	196
8.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	190
9.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	188

Career Games Played

1.	Barbara Sullivan (2012-16)	82
2.	Brie Custis (2013-16)	77
	Stephanie Peragallo (2013-16)	77
	Stephanie Toy (2013-16)	77
	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	77
6.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	76
	Kaitlin Keena (2006-09)	76
	Megan Sullivan (2009-12)	76
	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-12)	76

Most Caused Turnovers, Game

Barbara Sullivan	7
February 13, 2016	vs. Stanford
Barbara Sullivan	7
March 13, 2016	vs. Princeton
Shaylyn Blaney	7
April 17, 2010	vs. Cincinnati

Most Goals, Game

25 – vs. Liberty, March 9, 2016
25 – vs. Cincinnati, February 12, 2014

Most Assists, Game

16 – vs. California, February 28, 2016
15 – at Jacksonville, February 6, 2016
14 – vs. Ohio, March 11, 2000

Most Points, Game

37 – California, Feb. 28, 2016 (21 goals, 16 assists)
36 – Cincinnati, Feb. 12, 2014 (25 goals, 11 assists)
36 – Ohio, March 11, 2000 (22 goals, 14 assists)

Most Draw Controls, Game

22 – vs. Liberty, March 9, 2016
21 – at Hofstra, March 25, 2008
21 – vs. Ohio, March 2, 2006

Notre Dame's Record When...

Overall:	14-7
Home:	8-2
Loftus Sports Center:	4-0
Arlotta Stadium:	4-2
Away:	4-4
Neutral:	2-1
Indoors:	4-0
Outdoors:	9-7
Both Outdoors and Indoors:	1-0
Vs. ranked opponents:	8-7
Vs. ACC teams:	5-5
Vs. non-conference teams:	9-2
When scoring first:	7-4
When opp. scores first:	7-3
When leading at half:	12-2
When tied at half:	0-1
When trailing at half:	2-4
In overtime:	0-1
One-goal games:	1-3
2-3-goal games:	1-0
Four-plus games:	12-4
Saturday or Sunday:	9-5
Weekdays:	5-2
In white uniforms:	8-1
In blue uniforms:	5-5
In green uniforms:	1-1
When scoring 10+ goals:	14-2
When scoring 0-9 goals:	0-5
When opp scores 10+:	3-5
When opp. scores 0-9:	11-2
When outshooting opponent:	14-4
When shots are even:	0-0
When opp. takes more shots:	0-3
When winning ground balls:	10-1
When ground balls are tied:	2-2
When opp. wins ground balls:	2-4
When committing more turnovers:	0-2
When turnovers are tied:	1-1
When opp. commits more turnovers:	13-4
When winning draw controls:	9-1
When draw controls are tied:	1-1
When opp. wins draw controls:	4-5



GAME 1 • FEBRUARY 6, 2016

#7 NOTRE DAME 18
AT JACKSONVILLE 5



D.B. MILNE STADIUM
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	12	6	--	18
Jacksonville	2	3	--	5

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (4-4), C. Pearsall (2-3), Sexton (3-1), McMullan (2-2), Ortega (2-2), Annaheim (2-0), Toy (1-0), Eilers (1-0), Casadonte (1-0), Sullivan (0-1), Muller (0-1), Cobb (0-1).

JACKSONVILLE: Hiron (1-0), Wilcox (1-0), Wigglesworth (1-0), Dellarocca (1-0), Lacy (1-0).

Shots: ND 40; JU 13.

Ground Balls: ND 23; JU 17.

Draw Controls: ND 18; JU 6.

Turnovers: ND 18; JU 18.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 5 GA, 5 Sv); JU: Kerns (60:00, 18 GA, 13 Sv).

Who was the biggest unsuspecting beneficiary of the No. 7 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team's 18-5 win at Jacksonville in its season opener on Saturday? One could argue that title goes to sweetFrog frozen yogurt in Jacksonville Beach.

Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny rewards her team with ice cream for scoring 18 goals in a game. So when Heidi Annaheim scored the milestone tally in the waning moments of the contest against the Dolphins, the bench erupted and the wheels were set in motion that led to the Irish consuming 29.6 pounds of sweetFrog's tasty goodness en route back to the team hotel.

Notre Dame's most lopsided road win since opening the 2011 season with a 20-6 victory at California was sweet enough on its own merits. Facing the three-time defending Atlantic Sun champions, the Irish had five players record at least four points, led by a career-high-tying eight by Cortney Fortunato. Of Notre Dame's 18 goals, 15 included an assist with 12 different players recording at least one point on the day.

The Irish held decisive margins over the Dolphins in major categories like shots (40-13), draw controls (18-6) and ground balls (23-17). Freshman goalie Samantha Giacalone made five saves in her collegiate debut. After holding just a 3-2 lead 14 minutes into the game, Notre Dame rattled off 11 consecutive goals (scored by eight different Irish players) to take full command of the contest.

The cherry on top though was simply the victory itself as the Irish defeated the first of 12 teams on their 17-game 2016 schedule that played in last year's NCAA championship.

Fortunato's eight points included four goals and four assists. The four other Irish players to pick up at least four points were Casey Pearsall (two goals and three assists), Rachel Sexton (three goals and one assist), Kiera McMullan (two goals and two assists) and freshman Nikki Ortega (two goals and two assists), making her collegiate debut.

The defensive end also played well. The Irish were credited with 17 caused turnovers, including four from Fortunato. Fellow first-team All-American Barbara Sullivan controlled five draws, helping the Irish build their vast advantage in that crucial area.

Notre Dame has now won its season-opener in each of the last 13 seasons, extending back to a 2003 loss at Cornell. Saturday's dominant road victory was a sweet one for the Irish both figuratively and literally. Notre Dame's memory must remain short, however. The Irish have seven days until a home-opening showdown with No. 16 Stanford.



GAME 2 • FEBRUARY 13, 2016

#7 NOTRE DAME 13
AT #15 STANFORD 9



LOFTUS SPORTS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
Stanford	4	5	--	9
Notre Dame	3	10	--	13

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

STANFORD: Murray (5-0), Dikeou (2-2), Tesei (1-0), Crerend (1-0).

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (4-0), Dalton (3-0), Ortega (1-2), Sexton (2-0), McMullan (1-0), Annaheim (1-0), Muller (1-0), Cobb (0-1).

Shots: SU 15; ND 37.

Ground Balls: SU 12; ND 18.

Draw Controls: SU 12; ND 12.

Turnovers: SU 19; ND 12.

Goalies: SU: DaCar (60:00, 13 GA, 11 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 9 GA, 4 Sv).

Playing in a facility that features one of the fastest indoor tracks in the nation, the No. 7 University of Notre Dame women's lacrosse team showed it has a pretty strong finishing kick of its own.

The Fighting Irish scored eight unanswered goals in less than 13 minutes midway through the second half to sprint past 15th-ranked Stanford on Saturday afternoon in Notre Dame's home opener at the Loftus Sports Center.

Cortney Fortunato, Alex Dalton and Rachel Sexton each scored two goals during the game-changing second-half run, while Grace Muller put the Fighting Irish in front for good on her goal with 13:11 remaining.

Fortunato finished with a team-high four goals for Notre Dame (2-0), her second consecutive four-goal outing, with the Fighting Irish improving to 17-4 all-time when she scores a hat trick.

Dalton added three tallies and Sexton scored twice for Notre Dame, helping support a solid Fighting Irish defensive effort, led by Samantha Giacalone, who made four saves in her home debut and Barbara Sullivan, who tied a school record with seven caused turnovers, matching Shaylyn Blaney's mark on April 17, 2010, against Cincinnati.

Kelsey Murray scored a game-high five goals for the visiting Cardinal (0-1).

Notre Dame finished with a massive 37-15 edge in total shots, including a 17-5 edge in the first period. In fact, although Stanford scored on four of its five shots in the opening half, all four goals came via free-position shots.

Murray netted the game's opening tally on a free-position try just 1:59 into the first half. It took the Fighting Irish a bit more than nine minutes to answer Murray's initial score, but Fortunato drew the hosts level with her first goal of the afternoon.

Murray then sparked a three-goal Stanford outburst (all via free-position shots) in a 90-second span midway through the first half, scoring a man-up goal at the 16:28 mark. Mackenzie Tessei did likewise, also with the player advantage, at 15:20, and Lucy Dikeou capped the flurry by scoring from the arc 22 seconds later, giving the Cardinal a 4-1 lead.

Notre Dame had bent, but it did not break, and the Fighting Irish delivered a preview of the offensive rush to come in the second half, as Nikki Ortega and Kiera McMullan scored goals in the final 3:30 of the opening period to bring Notre Dame within 4-3 at halftime.

Much like the first half, it took the Fighting Irish a bit of time to get its offense in gear, while Stanford rebuilt its three-goal edge on tallies by Murray and Dikeou in the opening 10 minutes.



GAME 3 • FEBRUARY 21, 2016

#8 NOTRE DAME 14
AT #9 BOSTON COLLEGE 4



LOFTUS SPORTS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
Boston College	2	2	--	4
Notre Dame	7	7	--	14

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

BOSTON COLLEGE: Margolis (1-0), O'Neill (1-0), Weeks (1-0), O'Connor (1-0).

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (5-2), Annaheim (3-2), Sexton (2-2), C. Pearsall (1-2), Ortega (2-0), Muller (1-0), Toy (0-1).

Shots: BC 23; ND 28.

Ground Balls: BC 17; ND 21.

Draw Controls: BC 11; ND 9.

Turnovers: BC 19; ND 17.

Goalies: BC: Ochoa (38:11, 9 GA, 2 Sv), Daly (21:49, 5 GA, 4 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 4 GA, 13 Sv).

The No. 8 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team stands poised to take the proverbial next step forward in 2016 with its attitude as much as its collective athletic talent. All week long, head coach Christine Halfpenny could see that her team was honed in on Sunday's ACC opener against No. 9 Boston College.

So, when the Irish trailed 2-1 early and held just a 4-2 lead with just over a minute to go in the first half, it came joyously but not as a true surprise when Notre Dame shifted into another gear. The Irish (3-0, 1-0 ACC) rattled off 10 consecutive goals to cruise to a 14-4 win over the Eagles (2-1, 0-1).

Five Irish players tallied at least two goals, led by Cortney Fortunato's five, while freshman goalie Samantha Giacalone kept the Eagles at bay offensively, making 13 saves -- the most by an Irish netminder since Ellie Hilling had 14 against Georgetown on April 14, 2013.

In addition to Fortunato's seven points (five goals and two assists), Heidi Annaheim had a hat trick for Notre Dame, plus two assists, for five points. Rachel Sexton (two goals and two assists) enjoyed a four-point game while freshman Nikki Ortega scored twice and Casey Pearsall chipped in three points on a goal and two assists.

Caused turnovers is a calling card for the Irish and Notre Dame forced 15 of BC's 19 turnovers on Sunday, led by senior Brie Custis with four as she continues her smooth transition to a full-time defensive role. Defensive stalwart Barbara Sullivan caused a pair of turnovers, grabbed three ground balls and controlled five draws while doing her part to limit BC to just four goals.

BC held a 2-1 lead after just 3:25 of play as the Eagles sandwiched a pair of free position goals around Sexton's first goal of the day. Sexton set up Fortunato twice while Pearsall scored off of a Fortunato feed at 18:13 to put Notre Dame up 4-2. The teams settled into back-and-forth yet scoreless action for 17 minutes before a momentum-seizing Irish spurt just before halftime made it 7-2 and secured control of the contest.

Annaheim rolled to the net for an unassisted strike with 1:01 to play before halftime. She converted again off of a Pearsall feed with 26 seconds to play before intermission, making it 6-2. The Irish dropped a hammer 12 seconds later. Sullivan controlled the draw, threw it up field to Pearsall who fed Muller for a goal, sending the teams to the break looking at a 7-2 score in favor of Notre Dame.

The Irish scored each of the second half's first four goals, and seven of the first eight overall, to squash any chance of an Eagle comeback.

**GAME 4 • FEBRUARY 26, 2016****#5 NOTRE DAME** 14
COLORADO 4**LOFTUS SPORTS CENTER**
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
Colorado	0	4	--	4
Notre Dame	5	9	--	14

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)**COLORADO:** Fusco (2-0), Castagnola (1-0), Cox (1-0).**NOTRE DAME:** Ortega (2-2), Fortunato (3-0), Annaheim (1-2), C. Pearsall (1-2), Casadonte (2-0), Muller (2-0), Sexton (1-0), Toy (1-0), Dalton (1-0), Sullivan (0-1).**Shots:** CU 13; ND 32.**Ground Balls:** CU 20; ND 20.**Draw Controls:** CU 8; ND 12.**Turnovers:** CU 20; ND 18.**Goalies:** CU: Soenksen (60:00, 14 GA, 10 Sv); ND: Giacalone (55:11, 3 GA, 8 Sv), Fantozzi (4:49, 1 GA, 0 Sv).

For a while, there was reason to be concerned that there may never be a goal scored. Then, there was concern as to whether the No. 5 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team would ever stop scoring.

After playing to a scoreless draw for 20:55, the Irish reeled off 12 unanswered goals over the next 15:28 and cruised to a 14-4 win over Colorado.

The Irish improved to 4-0 with the win and have now enjoyed a scoring run of at least 8-0 at some stage in each of the four contests. Freshman goalkeeper Samantha Giacalone shutout the Buffaloes for 46:50, making eight saves on the night while the Irish offense was led by Cortney Fortunato with her 23rd career hat trick and freshman Nikki Ortega who scored twice and collected a pair of assists.

During head coach Christine Halfpenny's Irish squad's 50th win during her tenure at the helm, one thing that truly impressed came in the diversity of attack. Each of Notre Dame's first nine goals were scored by a different player, including three who were not in the starting lineup.

The game began as a lengthy stalemate on the scoreboard as left-handed Colorado netminder Paige Soenksen and Giacalone took turns taking challenging shots and turning them into possessions going the other way. Not surprisingly, even the sequence which led to the game's first goal included a save. Soenksen stopped a shot by Kiera McMullan but left a rebound for Stephanie Toy whose second goal of the year broke the scoreless tie with 9:05 to play before the half.

Notre Dame doubled its lead just under four minutes later when Sexton rolled around the net from behind to score. The Irish finished the half with a flurry, collecting goals by Grace Muller, Jenn Casadonte and Heidi Annaheim over the final 3:08 to take a 5-0 lead into the intermission.

The second half would open much like the first one ended as Notre Dame scored seven goals in the first 6:23 to usurp complete dominance of the contest. After waiting for two thirds of the first half to expire before getting a goal, the Irish needed just 15 seconds in the second half. Barbara Sullivan controlled the opening draw and got the ball to Casey Pearsall who threw a long pass downfield to Fortunato for the first of her three goals on the night. A similar highlight-reel goal would cap the run. Sullivan controlled the draw after the Irish went up 11-0. The defensive-minded Tewaaron Award finalist a year ago saw Fortunato break to the goal and threw what amounted to an alley-oop pass from about 30 yards away, making it 12-0.

**GAME 5 • FEBRUARY 28, 2016****#5 NOTRE DAME** 21
CALIFORNIA 2**LOFTUS SPORTS CENTER**
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
California	1	1	--	2
Notre Dame	17	4	--	21

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)**CALIFORNIA:** Pellechi (1-0), Corzel (1-0).**NOTRE DAME:** Fortunato (3-5), Sexton (5-2), Annaheim (3-2), Ortega (3-0), Casadonte (2-0), Lynch (2-0), C. Pearsall (1-1), Toy (0-2), Dalton (0-2), McMullan (1-0), Cobb (1-0), Cardozo (0-1), Muller (0-1).**Shots:** CAL 10; ND 31.**Ground Balls:** CAL 15; ND 15.**Draw Controls:** CAL 4; ND 20.**Turnovers:** CAL 19; ND 14.**Goalies:** CAL: Wilkens (45:26, 17 GA, 2 Sv), Hansen (14:34, 4 GA, 2 Sv); ND: Giacalone (50:37, 1 GA, 2 Sv), Fantozzi (9:23, 1 GA, 0 Sv).

Fast, aggressive, passionate and together is a series of adjectives you will hear Notre Dame head women's lacrosse coach Christine Halfpenny repeat ad nauseam in regards to her team's overarching style and philosophy. It may never come together more overwhelmingly than on Sunday when the fifth-ranked Irish clubbed California, 21-2.

Fast? Notre Dame scored two goals in the first 34 seconds of the game. The Irish led 7-0 after 10 minutes and invoked the running clock with a 10-0 lead merely at the midpoint of the first half. Including the lost time, Notre Dame raced out to a 16-0 lead over the first 25:10 of the game.

Aggressive? Notre Dame's offense was perhaps its most effective defense. The Irish held the Golden Bears to just three clearances in 10 attempts during the first half. Attacker Cortney Fortunato caused three turnovers - all in the first 15 minutes of the game while fellow attackers Kiera McMullan, Nikki Ortega and Rachel Sexton also caused turnovers. Defensive rock Barbara Sullivan, the ACC's caused turnover leader, only caused one turnover in the game as the ball rarely made its way into the Notre Dame defensive zone complements of the unrelenting pressure applied by Notre Dame's attack and midfield.

Passionate? Perhaps nowhere in women's lacrosse does passion better manifest itself than in fighting for loose balls on draw controls, an area where the team that digs deeper is often rewarded. Notre Dame held a 20-4 edge in draw controls - one shy of the school record of 21, done twice and most recently reached in 2008. Notre Dame controlled each of today's first seven draws, exasperating the fervent pace with which its initial lead came together. Even when Cal broke that game-opening streak, Notre Dame's Alex Dalton immediately smacked the ball away from the Bears, one of the All-American midfielder's two caused turnovers on Sunday.

Together? Notre Dame had 13 players collect a point, 12 cause a turnover and 10 collect a ground ball. Notre Dame scored 18 goals that were not on free position attempts. Of those 18 goals, 16 had an assist as the Irish relentlessly distributed it among teammates looking for the ideal shot. During a 14-4 win over Colorado on Friday night, each of Notre Dame's first nine goals came from different players. On Sunday, Notre Dame had scored six times before first-team All-American Fortunato finally joined the goal scoring column. While standing as one of the nation's top scorers with 19 goals and 29 points on the young season, Fortunato has hardly been Notre Dame's sole source of offense in 2016.

**GAME 6 • MARCH 5, 2016****#11 LOUISVILLE** 10
#4 NOTRE DAME 9**UofL LACROSSE STADIUM**
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Team	1	2	OT	--	F
Notre Dame	6	3	0	--	9
Louisville	3	6	1	--	10

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)**NOTRE DAME:** McMullan (3-1), Fortunato (2-1), Ortega (1-0), Sexton (1-0), Toy (1-0), Muller (1-0), C. Pearsall (0-1).**LOUISVILLE:** Morissette (2-3), Koloski (4-0), Daley (3-1), Gerding (1-0), Balog (0-1).**Shots:** ND 26; UofL 28.**Ground Balls:** ND 15; UofL 20.**Draw Controls:** ND 8; UofL 14.**Turnovers:** ND 15; UofL 15.**Goalies:** ND: Giacalone (63:09, 10 GA, 10 Sv); UofL: Read (63:09, 9 GA, 9 Sv).

The trains, as usual, constantly rolled past UofL Lacrosse Stadium on Saturday, from 50 yards south of the field shaking the turf on which No. 4 Notre Dame and No. 11 Louisville, the ACC's last two undefeated teams, played.

Cars and trucks freely rolled southbound on I-65 just east of the grounds. Airplanes taking off from nearby Louisville International Airport regularly roared not too far overhead.

Unlike the steady frequency of the mass transit engulfing the immediate surroundings, the game which all of the riders of those planes, trains and automobiles went past ebbed and flowed dramatically. Momentum shifted regularly as the contest advanced to two overtimes before the Cardinals (7-0, 2-0 ACC) claimed a 10-9 victory over the Irish (5-1, 1-1).

Notre Dame took a 2-0 lead just 3:48 into the game but the Cardinals counterpunched and tied it 2-2 five minutes later. The Irish then reeled off three straight goals to go up 5-2, a lead the team would maintain but never expand as the Cardinals whittled away at their deficit before tying the game at 8-8 with 9:08 to play and then taking their first lead, 9-8, with 3:02 left.

The Irish defense made a stand and the Notre Dame offense got a game-tying goal from Rachel Sexton, sending the game to overtime tied at nine. Both teams were denied quality scoring chances in the extra session before Louisville eventually scored its sudden death strike.

Kiera McMullan led the Irish on the day with three goals and an assist. Cortney Fortunato picked up three points with two goals and an assist. Samantha Giacalone saved 10 shots in the Irish goal, several of them in spectacular fashion. Casey Pearsall and Brie Custis each caused three turnovers with Custis' joined by four ground balls.

In the end though, Louisville senior Kaylin Morissette would provide the difference, controlling her ninth draw of the game to open the second overtime session and immediately fast-break passing (her third assist and fifth point) to Kelli Gerding who tallied the game-winner nine seconds into the period.

The 14-8 edge for Louisville in draw controls fueled by Morissette proved to be the one significant discrepancy in the game. Shots on goal (28-26 for Louisville), turnovers (15-15), saves (10-9 for Notre Dame) and other key markers were close to even on the day.

The contest was a physical one, featuring eight yellow cards - four per team. The eight cards however only led to one man-up goal, Louisville's strike from Hannah Koloski (her fourth of the game) to go up 9-8 with 3:02 remaining in regulation.



GAME 7 • MARCH 8, 2016

#6 NOTRE DAME
AT VIRGINIA TECH

19
10



THOMPSON FIELD
BLACKSBURG, VA.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	7	12	--	19
Virginia Tech	5	5	--	10

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (2-4), Muller (4-1), Sexton (4-0), Annaheim (2-2), C. Pearsall (3-0), Ortega (1-1), McMullan (1-0), Toy (1-0), Fontenot (1-0), Hartman (0-1).

VIRGINIA TECH: Thon (2-1), Hendrix (2-0), Murray (1-1), McGinley (1-0), Macera (1-0), Loscalzo (1-0), Feehan (1-0), Biedenharn (1-0).

Shots: ND 39; VT 13.

Ground Balls: ND 27; VT 17.

Draw Controls: ND 19; VT 11.

Turnovers: ND 16; VT 25.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (52:08, 8 GA, 0 Sv), Fantozzi (7:52, 2 GA, 0 Sv); VT: Sieger (60:00, 19 GA, 8 Sv).

Grace Muller has not started a game in 2016 for the No. 6 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team but she is one of four members of the squad with a point in each of its seven games. Exemplifying the depth which the Irish will call upon while playing on consecutive regular-season days for the first time since 2003, Muller matched her career high with four goals and set a career-high with five points to help Notre Dame win the front end of its mid-week tandem, dropping Virginia Tech, 19-10, on Tuesday afternoon in Blacksburg.

The Irish bench caused nine turnovers, gathered 13 ground balls, controlled six draws and allowed the Notre Dame starters a needed respite as the Irish prepare for a quick turnaround before facing Liberty on Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to Muller, Rachel Sexton also scored a quartet of goals, all of them coming in the second half, while Casey Pearsall netted a hat trick to accompany six draw controls. Courtney Fortunato led the Irish with six points on two goals and four assists.

On International Women's Day, it was the Irish women who came out on top with their depth providing a crucial link. Muller did not miss the connection.

The Irish women would outshoot the Hokies 39-13 on this day, hold decisive margins in ground balls (27-17), draw controls (19-11) and turnovers (16-25), and utilize a 9-2 run to open the second half in ensuring command of the contest. In all 10 players for Notre Dame would record a point including the first goal of the season by Emma Claire Fontenot and the first point of the season - an assist - for Hannah Hartman.

Hartman perhaps typified the vigor Notre Dame's bench brought to the field. Playing about 10 minutes to close out the contest, Hartman caused three turnovers, got two ground balls and created through hard work the goal that perhaps meant the most to her teammates. With just over 8:00 left in the game, Hokie goalie Hannah Sieger held the ball outside of her crease. Hartman attacked and created a turnover. After Sieger fouled Hartman behind the net, the restart saw Stephanie Toy at the top of the crease without a defender for yards as the Hokies had advanced up-field for a clearance attempt disrupted by Hartman. Hartman fed Toy for the empty net goal which made it 18-8 and, in turn, fed her teammates. For the third time in seven games this year, the Irish reached the 18-goal total that earns the team a trip to the ice cream shop.

Katherine McManus also stood out while coming off of the bench, causing four turnovers and collecting three ground balls.



GAME 8 • MARCH 9, 2016

#6 NOTRE DAME
VS. LIBERTY

25
2



THOMPSON FIELD
BLACKSBURG, VA.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	12	13	--	25
Liberty	1	1	--	2

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (5-1), Ortega (4-0), Sexton (3-1), Muller (3-1), Casadonte (2-1), McMullan (1-1), Annaheim (1-1), C. Pearsall (1-1), Hartman (1-1), Sullivan (1-0), Cardozo (1-0), Cobb (1-0), Lynch (1-0), Peragallo (0-1), Fontenot (0-1).

LIBERTY: Britton (2-0), Tickle (0-1).

Shots: ND 48; LU 6.

Ground Balls: ND 24; LU 9.

Draw Controls: ND 22; LU 6.

Turnovers: ND 7; LU 19.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (54:04, 2 GA, 1 Sv), Nicole Fantozzi (5:56, 0 GA, 0 Sv); LU: Widrick (34:59, 15 GA, 9 Sv), Tarris (24:53, 10 GA, 3 Sv).

The historic feats achieved by No. 6 Notre Dame in Wednesday's 25-2 extinguishing of the Lady Flames from Liberty are numerous.

The 25 goals scored by the Irish tied a school record set against Cincinnati in 2014. The 22 draw controls (including all 14 of the second half's draws) broke the previous school record of 21 that had stood since 2006. The 48 shots launched by the Irish stands one shy of matching the school record. The 23-goal margin of victory is second in school history. Individually, with her five caused turnovers, graduate student Barbara Sullivan broke the school's career record of 122 held by Margaret Smith (2011-14).

Notre Dame scored at least 18 goals for the fourth time in its first eight contests this year. Only the 2001 and 2009 teams have ever had more than four 18-goal games in an entire season.

There may not have been 200 noteworthy factoids to emerge from the contest but the crescendo came down to the number 200. The victory marked the 200th win since the program's inception in 1997.

"It speaks volumes back to the very start of this program laying the ground work to be one of the best teams in the country, up to today where this team has established itself as a consistent top 10 team and national championship contender," Irish head coach Christine Halpenny said of the milestone. "It is a testament to all of the hard work of those who came before us and all of the hard work that's going into this year to bring us to national prominence."

Notre Dame's depth will help it continue to grow this prominence in 2016. The Irish saw 15 players record at least one point in the win and four claim a hat trick as Courtney Fortunato scored five times, Nikki Ortega four, Grace Muller three and Rachel Sexton three. The Irish saw 15 players collect a ground ball and 13 control one of those school record 22 draws.

The final score might have been far more lopsided had it not been for the noble efforts of a besieged Katherine Widrick in the Lady Flames' goal. Widrick had nine first half saves while the Irish peppered Liberty's net with 28 shots, scoring each of the game's first 12 goals. The Irish attacked unabated. Notre Dame's reserves did not stop scoring until Hannah Hartman's tally just eight seconds before the final horn accounted for the 25-2 final score.

Only Notre Dame's ninth three-year captain of any sport, Sullivan played a central role in keeping the game played predominantly on Liberty's defensive side of the field. She combined her five caused turnovers with four draw controls, four ground balls, and her first goal since 2013.



GAME 9 • MARCH 13, 2016

#6 NOTRE DAME
AT #7 PRINCETON

16
11



ARLOTTA STADIUM
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
Princeton	5	6	--	11
Notre Dame	8	8	--	16

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

PRINCETON: Hompe (4-2), Chanenchuk (2-1), Sullivan (2-0), Finkelston (1-1), Leavell (1-0), McNulty (1-0), Gersoff (0-1).

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (3-2), Sexton (4-0), Ortega (1-3), McMullan (2-1), Annaheim (1-1), C. Pearsall (1-1), Toy (1-0), Dalton (1-0), Casadonte (1-0), Muller (1-0).

Shots: PU 24; ND 32.

Ground Balls: PU 22; ND 21.

Draw Controls: PU 15; ND 14.

Turnovers: PU 17; ND 12.

Goalies: PU: DeGarmo (48:06, 14 GA, 6 Sv), McDonough (11:54, 2 GA, 4 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 11 GA, 7 Sv).

Eight days ago, Notre Dame held a 6-3 halftime lead at Louisville but let it slip away in a 10-9 double overtime loss to the Cardinals - the lone defeat this year for the Irish in nine games.

On Sunday, Notre Dame led undefeated Princeton 6-3 late in the first half and the Tigers scored twice to make it a 6-5 game. This time, the Irish showed their mettle and responded by scoring each of the next six goals en route to a 16-11 victory at Arlotta Stadium.

While 2015 Tewaaraton Award finalist Barbara Sullivan helped hold the Tigers in check at the defensive end of the field, matching a school record which she already shared by causing seven turnovers in the game, the Irish offense got a hat trick and two assists from Courtney Fortunato and four goals from Rachel Sexton to ensure victory.

"I think we learned a lot from that loss," said Sullivan. "Sometimes, as much as we don't want to lose, you can learn a lot from that...That confidence came over to today."

Possessing several scoring threats, the Irish are at their best when circulating the ball among them. Notre Dame ranks second in the nation in assists per game. Against the Cardinals, the Irish were credited with just three assists on their nine goals (33.3%). Today, the ratio was back up to 50% at eight of 16 and the Irish found themselves back in the win column.

Any questions of how the Irish would flow on offense were answered quickly. After being held scoreless for 9:21, the team scored three goals over the ensuing 1:02, all with Sexton scoring off of passes from Nikki Ortega, to take a 3-2 lead.

After Heidi Annaheim scored on a free position shot with 10:49 to go until intermission, the Irish held the familiar 6-3 advantage like a week prior. Princeton's Colby Chanenchuk combined with Olivia Hompe for a Tiger goal 7:36 before halftime. Ellie McNulty controlled the ensuing draw, rushed up field and scored just 14 seconds later, quickly making it just a one-goal game at 6-5.

Halpenny called timeout and a refocused Irish team emerged from the huddle. McManus and Ortega caused Princeton turnovers as the settled Irish and Tigers played to a scoreless stalemate for about six minutes. Notre Dame extended its lead to 7-5 when Stephanie Toy rolled off of her defender for an unassisted goal with 1:46 remaining until halftime. Just 14.6 seconds before the break, Kiera McMullan passed up a free position shot to set up Grace Muller for a goal making it 8-5 and the Irish never looked back.



GAME 10 • MARCH 19, 2016

#5 NOTRE DAME 16
AT #9 VIRGINIA 4

Team	1	2	--	F
Virginia	3	1	--	4
Notre Dame	8	8	--	16

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

VIRGINIA: Behr (1-0), Dyson (1-0), Alati (1-0), DiNardo (1-0), Valis (0-1).

NOTRE DAME: McMullan (2-4), Fortunato (4-1), Sexton (4-0), Muller (2-1), Toy (1-0), Dalton (1-0), C. Pearsall (1-0), Hartman (1-0), Annaheim (0-1).

Shots: UVa 12; ND 43.

Ground Balls: UVa 20; ND 29.

Draw Controls: UVa 10; ND 12.

Turnovers: UVa 29; ND 21.

Goalies: UVa: Vander Kolk (60:00, 16 GA, 15 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 4 GA, 6 Sv).

For a tight-knit squad that has achieved much of its 2016 success through togetherness, Notre Dame has been at its best when letting its selfish side out. The Irish always want to have the ball. The Irish can't stand to be without the ball. Once again on Saturday, the Irish did a lousy job of sharing the ball with its opposition, causing 20 turnovers in a 16-4 demolition of No. 9 Virginia at Arlotta Stadium.

The Irish led the nation entering the game by causing 15.22 turnovers per game when the national median is about eight per game. This performance joined Virginia Tech (March 8) as Notre Dame's second 20-caused turnover showing of the season. The nation's other 109 Division I teams had combined for just three 20-caused turnover games in 2016.

Notre Dame is vying to lead its league in caused turnovers for the fourth straight year and finish in the national top 10 in caused turnovers for the fifth straight year - all under fifth-year head coach Christine Halfpenny.

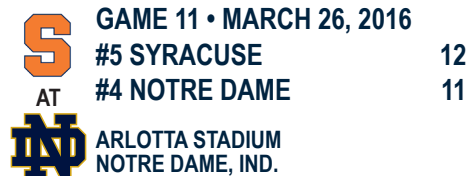
The extra possessions helped the Irish to a 43-12 advantage in shots in a contest where Notre Dame would score 12 of the final 13 goals to run free to its third-straight victory over Virginia.

Defender Brie Custis caused a career high five turnovers today against the Cavaliers. Tewaaron Award finalist on defense and ACC caused turnovers leader Barbara Sullivan caused four more. Irish goalkeeper Samantha Giacalone left her crease to intercept a pair of passes.

What sets the Irish apart, however, is the pressure its attackers exert. Cortney Fortunato fourth in the ACC entering today, tied her career high with four caused turnovers. Rachel Sexton also tied her career high with two caused turnovers. If an Irish shot is saved, and Virginia's Rachel Vander Kolk stopped 15 today, it merely invigorates Notre Dame to not let that ball leave its offensive zone.

"We want the ball back," said senior attacker Kiera McMullan after setting career highs with both four assists and six points on Saturday. "We have each other's back so if somebody makes a mistake, everyone puts so much energy into getting the ball back and having their (teammate's) back. We're hustling to get the ball back."

Notre Dame had a non-lacrosse based key to its success as well, the emotions of playing in the team's first Friends of Victoria Game. Honoring the memory of senior defender Katherine McManus sister Victoria who was killed by her ex-boyfriend almost two years ago, Notre Dame donned green uniforms and did its part to raise awareness for relationship violence. Notre Dame's greeNDot program participated in the event as did the One Love Foundation.



GAME 11 • MARCH 26, 2016

#5 SYRACUSE 12
AT #4 NOTRE DAME 11

Team	1	2	--	F
Syracuse	4	8	--	12
Notre Dame	6	5	--	11

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

SYRACUSE: Levy (4-0), Treanor (2-2), Bodt (2-0), Majorana (1-1), Gait (1-0), Donahue (1-0), Jaquith (1-0).

NOTRE DAME: C. Pearsall (5-1), Dalton (2-2), McMullan (1-2), Muller (2-0), Fortunato (1-1), Sexton (0-1).

Shots: SU 27; ND 34.

Ground Balls: SU 18; ND 16.

Draw Controls: SU 11; ND 14.

Turnovers: SU 16; ND 13.

Goalies: SU: Murray (60:00, 11 GA, 6 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 12 GA, 9 Sv).

The first matchup of top five teams involving Notre Dame women's lacrosse since 2004 lived up to the billing as the No. 4 Irish (9-2, 3-2 ACC) and No. 5 Syracuse (8-3, 2-1 ACC) had four ties and three lead changes over the final 21:34 before the Orange escaped from Arlotta Stadium with a 12-11 win.

All-American midfielder Casey Pearsall had career highs for the Irish with her five goals and six points. She also exerted herself on draws, a category where the Irish held a 14-11 advantage over an Orange team which ranked third nationally. Pearsall controlled four herself while holding fellow All-American Kayla Treanor to a season-low three for Syracuse.

All-American midfielder Alex Dalton had a career-high four points for the Irish (two goals and two assists) along with a season-high five draw controls while all-region selection Stephanie Peragallo caused four turnovers. Nicole Levy led the Orange with four goals while Treanor ended up with four points on a pair of goals and a pair of assists.

The Irish led 6-4 at halftime and 7-5 after an unassisted Pearsall goal with 25:20 to play. Syracuse scored goals 12 seconds apart by Halle Majorana (21:46) and Levy (21:34) to knot the score at 7-7. The Orange took its first lead at 19:56 on a Gabby Jaquith free position shot.

Notre Dame refocused during the media timeout and scored 24 seconds later. Dalton secured the draw and Kiera McMullan found Pearsall to scored her fourth of the day to that point, making it 8-8. Pearsall scored again to make it 9-8 a minute later. Syracuse against tied the score, 9-9, at the 17:53 mark but the Irish reclaimed the lead at 10-9 with 16:53 to go on a Grace Muller goal set up by Dalton.

Syracuse, however, would score each of the next three goals to claim a 12-10 advantage. Cortney Fortunato tallied on a free position shot after a particularly hard foul with 4:14 to go but the Irish could not obtain an equalizer despite several good opportunities in the final seconds.



GAME 12 • MARCH 28, 2016

#5 NOTRE DAME 17
AT MARQUETTE 9

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	10	7	--	17
Marquette	7	2	--	9

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Sexton (3-2), Ortega (3-1), Muller (3-0), McMullan (2-1), Fortunato (2-1), C. Pearsall (2-1), Dalton (1-1), Toy (0-2), Lynch (1-0).

MARQUETTE: Shearer (2-0), Bochniak (1-1), Gabriel (1-1), Smith (1-1), Soccodato (1-0), Baas (1-0), Lane (1-0), Brown (1-0), Hill (0-1).

Shots: ND 35; MU 26.

Ground Balls: ND 25; MU 17.

Draw Controls: ND 15; MU 13.

Turnovers: ND 12; MU 18.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 9 GA, 8 Sv); MU: Read (60:00, 17 GA, 10 Sv).

As the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team, currently ranked No. 5 in the nation, continues to march through one of the most promising seasons in school history, the Irish will continue to be reminded that the bull's-eye on its back is just a tad larger than previous years. With a growing national reputation and gaudy numbers, such as the nation's top scoring offense entering this long holiday weekend, teams will keep Notre Dame more finely in their cross hairs.

Such was the case on Monday afternoon in Milwaukee as a feisty Marquette team brought an energy and vigor to the Valley Fields turf and fought tenaciously. Notre Dame's runs were regularly countered keeping the game within reach for the home side. Finally, the Irish scored five of the final six goals of the game to pull away from the Golden Eagles for a 17-9 win, improving to 10-2 on a season marred only by one-goal losses to a pair of top-six teams.

A steady defensive showing by graduate student Barbara Sullivan (six caused turnovers, five ground balls and three draw controls) and hat tricks from a senior (Rachel Sexton), a junior (Grace Muller) and a freshman (Nikki Ortega) fueled the effort that ultimately allowed the Irish to prevail. Freshman Samantha Giacalone stopped eight shots in the Notre Dame net to help the Irish carry a "W" on the bus back to Indiana.

Notre Dame ran out to a 3-0 lead in the first 4:11 of the game. Just 10 seconds after Ortega scored from Stephanie Toy to make it 2-0, Alex Dalton controlled the draw and fed Muller for the goal that made it 3-0. Marquette had an answer though, scoring three straight goals to knot the score at 3-3 by the midpoint of the first half.

The Irish answered the 3-0 Golden Eagle spurt with a 7-2 run, taking a 10-5 advantage with 5:36 to go until halftime after Sexton scored two goals in 27 seconds. Marquette scored twice before intermission, however, and the Notre Dame halftime lead stood at just three goals at 10-7.

Like the opening half, Notre Dame took charge early in the second half. Dalton scored on a free position 55 seconds into the period and Cortney Fortunato made good on a Kiera McMullan feed to give the Irish back their five-goal lead at 12-7 with 26:38 to play. Marquette scored next but Notre Dame put the game in the bag by scoring five of the game's final six goals to post a 17-9 win.

The Irish enjoyed a 35-26 advantage in shots on Monday, held a 15-13 lead on draw controls and caused 13 of Marquette's 18 turnovers while relinquishing the ball just 12 times themselves.



GAME 13 • APRIL 3, 2016

#3 NORTH CAROLINA

14

AT #5 NOTRE DAME

8



FETZER FIELD
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	3	5	--	8
North Carolina	9	5	--	14

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Dalton (2-0), Sexton (2-0), Fortunato (1-1), McMullan (1-0), Toy (1-0), C. Pearsall (1-0), Sullivan (0-1).

NORTH CAROLINA: Tracy (2-3), Hendrick (4-0), Hazar (0-3), McCool (2-0), Sofield (2-0), Reed (2-0), Messinger (1-1), Bowe (1-0), Devlin (0-1).

Shots: ND 21; UNC 28.

Ground Balls: ND 19; UNC 24.

Draw Controls: ND 10; UNC 14.

Turnovers: ND 20; UNC 17.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 14 GA, 9 Sv); UNC: Waters (55:43, 8 GA, 8 Sv), Ward (4:17, 0 GA, 0 Sv).

Had the top-five women's lacrosse matchup between No. 5 Notre Dame and No. 3 North Carolina been one of Notre Dame's intramural Baraka Bouts, the Fighting Irish would have strode off of Fetzer Field proud of dominating the middle rounds against the defending national runner-up. The Irish held the Tar Heels off the scoreboard for the final 13:13 of the first half and mounted a 6-1 run over the middle 45-percent of the game. Midway through the second half, the Irish had outshot UNC 11-2 in the stanza with both Tar Heel shots and goals coming while a man-up.

Unfortunately, like in boxing, the cumulative toll absorbed by the Irish in the opening rounds of the bout came back to haunt the team in the end. After cutting its early 9-1 deficit to just three goals at 10-7, Notre Dame would see UNC tally four of the game's final five markers to pull away with a 14-8 victory.

Notre Dame demonstrated that it could stand toe-to-toe with one of the sport's measuring stick programs of recent vintage and even pull past its Carolina blue and white-clad foe. A couple early trips to the canvas ultimately proved to be insurmountable over the long-run on Sunday in Chapel Hill. The resilience showed in not allowing an early knockout, however, will only benefit a 10-3 (3-3 ACC) Fighting Irish squad which has not lost this year to a team ranked outside of the national top six.

Alex Dalton and Rachel Sexton scored two goals each, leading the Irish on a day where the team did not see an individual record a hat trick for the first time in 2016. Courtney Fortunato had a goal and an assist, the goal (coming on a transitional feed from Barbara Sullivan) being the 200th point of her Irish career.

Sullivan filled up her stat line as usual, collecting five ground balls (one of which led to the aforementioned Fortunato goal) and controlling three draws in addition to a pair of caused turnovers. As for the team's other three captains, Stephanie Toy caused three turnovers, Stephanie Peragallo got three ground balls and Brie Custis caused two turnovers.

Buoyed by large first half margins, North Carolina enjoyed a 28-21 edge in shots, a 14-10 draw control margin and a 24-19 ground ball cushion. The battle's foul count went decidedly against the Irish with Notre Dame out-fouling North Carolina 48-20 and picking up six yellow cards to UNC's one.

The contest began on even terms with Aly Messinger scoring for North Carolina 1:50 into the game and Sexton matching that effort as she scored unassisted 3:04 into the game to tie the score at 1-1.

Each of the next eight goals would come off of Tar Heels sticks, however.



GAME 14 • APRIL 10, 2016

#13 NORTHWESTERN

17

AT #5 NOTRE DAME

12



MARTIN STADIUM
EVANSTON, ILL.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	3	9	--	12
Northwestern	9	8	--	17

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (5-2), Sexton (1-3), Dalton (2-0), C. Pearsall (2-0), Muller (1-1), McMullan (0-2), Toy (1-0), Lynch (0-1).

NORTHWESTERN: Lasota (5-0), Esposito (4-1), Craig (2-2), Fredericks (3-0), Ingrilli (1-1), Ciklin (1-1), Harker (1-0).

Shots: ND 26; NU 25.

Ground Balls: ND 20; NU 16.

Draw Controls: ND 11; NU 20.

Turnovers: ND 15; NU 21.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 17 GA, 4 Sv); NU: Weisse (60:00, 12 GA, 8 Sv).

For the second Sunday in a row, the No. 5 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team battled valiantly on the road after falling in an early hole, pulling to within three goals, but were unable to complete its stirring comeback attempt.

After No. 13 Northwestern pulled out to a 10-3 lead at Lakeside Field, the Irish rattled off five of the next six goals to make the score 11-8, but the Wildcats eventually came away with 17-12 victory in a matchup of what is usually the top two teams in the Midwest.

All-American Courtney Fortunato had a hand in seven of Notre Dame's first nine goals, scoring five times and adding a pair of assists before being sent off for a second yellow card. Rachel Sexton picked up four points on a goal and three assists while All-American midfielders Casey Pearsall and Alex Dalton scored twice each for the Irish who stand at 10-4 after the loss.

Notre Dame outshot the Wildcats 16-10 after intermission, held a 10-8 edge in draw controls and a 10-5 ground ball advantage but, ultimately, could not overcome a first half where Northwestern held a 12-1 margin on draw controls while leading (albeit less dramatically) in several other critical categories.

The first two goals of the game were tallied by the Irish. Fortunato scored 2:53 into the contest, set up by Grace Muller. Northwestern controlled the ensuing draw but Sexton caused a turnover and Pearsall scored, unassisted, 41 seconds after Fortunato to give the Irish a 2-0 cushion.

Unfortunately, 10 of the next 11 goals in the game would come off of Wildcat sticks, five of them coming on either side of a goal by Stephanie Toy set up by Fortunato at 12:02 of the first half. Northwestern's Selena Lasota scored four of her five goals on the day during this stretch.

Fortunato halted the run 2:40 into the second half., set up by Kiera McMullan. After single strikes from Sexton and Pearsall followed by a pair of Fortunato tallies, the Irish trailed by just three goals, 11-8, with 16:26 to play.

Northwestern scored three of the next for markers, however, to wrestle back control of the contest. The Irish continued to fight, getting goals from Dalton and Muller in the final 5:27 but could not score enough to claim victory.



GAME 15 • APRIL 16, 2016

#7 NOTRE DAME

10

AT #13 DUKE

9



ARLOTTA STADIUM
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	OT	--	F
Duke	6	3	0	--	9
Notre Dame	3	6	1	--	10

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

DUKE: Crutchfield (2-2), Harney (2-0), Jenner (2-0), Smesko (2-0), Action (1-1), Fallon (0-1).

NOTRE DAME: Sexton (3-1), Fortunato (3-0), Toy (2-0), C. Pearsall (1-1), Eilers (1-0), McMullan (0-1).

Shots: DU 21; ND 34.

Ground Balls: DU 17; ND 22.

Draw Controls: DU 11; ND 10.

Turnovers: DU 17; ND 12.

Goalies: DU: Duryea (61:55, 10 GA, 13 Sv); ND: Giacalone (61:55, 9 GA, 7 Sv).

With all of the pieces in place - a glorious sunny day in the mid-70s at home on Arlotta Stadium, a perennial lacrosse power in Duke, and Senior Day festivities - senior Rachel Sexton helped ensure that Notre Dame rose to the occasion and created a lasting memory for her class.

Trailing the Blue Devils 6-3 at halftime and 9-7 with 2:15 left to play, the Irish rallied to a 10-9 overtime win ensured when Sexton completed a hat trick 1:55 into the extra session.

"It feels incredible," Sexton said. "We've been searching to click (like this) and we've been searching for a win over these last couple of weeks. For it to all come together on Senior Day was something special to be a part of."

Notre Dame erased four separate deficits in the game (1-0, 2-1, 6-2 and 9-7) and led the contest for a total of just 47 seconds, but stood on top when the final whistle blew.

The day also represented a milestone for the woman who has helped created the winning culture that helped guide the Irish through the murky waters of Saturday's back-and-forth game. An assistant coach at Duke from 2004-06, Christine Halfpenny claimed the 100th victory of her head coaching career.

A young team over the past few seasons, Notre Dame's now-veteran leadership shone through on offense. All 10 goals today were scored by seniors or juniors who would not let the Irish give away the contest after repeatedly falling behind.

With the Blue Devils in transition leading by a pair of goals with less than three minutes to play, Sexton caused a midfield turnover that was gobbled up by senior Kiera McMullan. Moments later junior Casey Pearsall put it home to make the score 9-8 Duke with 2:15 to play. Duke controlled the draw and prepared to enter an offensive stalling mode but junior Alex Dalton created a turnover to give the Irish the ball.

Lacking a timeout, Notre Dame went into an offensive set as time would down that resulted in Pearsall finding junior Courtney Fortunato on a high-low play for a goal to tie the score at 9-9 with 18.8 seconds left in regulation. The goal was the third of the game for Fortunato, capping her 28th hat trick for Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's only previous trip to extra time this spring came in a 10-9 loss at Louisville on March 5. While all knew the eventual final score on Saturday would be 10-9, the Irish leadership ensured that they would be the ones reaching 10 goals on the day. While Duke won the draw control to open overtime, the Blue Devils would lose control of the ball, scooped up by McMullan. After a timeout, the Irish began to work their offense with Sexton eventually coming in from off of the wing, gaining a step on her defender and firing home the game-winner.

Trojans **GAME 16 • APRIL 18, 2016**

#5 USC 5
#6 NOTRE DAME 4

ARLOTTA STADIUM
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
USC	3	2	--	5
Notre Dame	3	1	--	4

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

USC: Michael (2-1), Johansen (1-0), Drexel (1-0), De Core (1-0), McMahon (0-1).

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (2-0), C. Pearsall (0-2), Toy (1-0), Muller (1-0), McMullan (0-1).

Shots: USC 19; ND 20.

Ground Balls: USC 19; ND 19.

Draw Controls: USC 6; ND 5.

Turnovers: USC 19; ND 17.

Goalies: USC: Johns (60:00, 4 GA, 10 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 5 GA, 9 Sv).

Two of the top four offenses in the country matched up at Arlotta Stadium on Monday afternoon as No. 6 Notre Dame (fourth nationally at 14.87 goals per game) and No. 5 USC (first nationally at 15.36 goals per game) transitioned an ancient football rivalry to the lacrosse field for the first time.

Curiously, the end result of the two high-octane offenses clashing was the lowest scoring game in Notre Dame history with the Trojans scoring five of the game's nine goals to take a 5-4 victory. The Irish had previously been involved in five 11-goal games, most recently a 6-5 loss to Cornell in 2011, but never a combined single-digit contest.

Neither team led by more than a single goal on Monday as the 5-4 score included four ties and three lead changes. Each of the nine goals scored on Monday either gave a team the lead or tied the score. The Women of Troy went ahead on Michaela Michael's goal with 14:58 to play and were able to stall through the majority of the clock from there.

Played at a remarkably slow pace, Notre Dame outshot USC 20-19 but the 20 shots were a season-low for the Irish and 19 matched a season-low for the Trojans. Both teams by far had their lowest scoring outputs of the year. Samantha Giacalone made nine saves in the Irish net while Gussie Johns stopped 10 shots for the Trojans.

Although regrettably coming in a losing effort, today's game marked the seventh time this year the Irish have held their opponent to five goals or less. This breaks the previous school record of six such games, set in 2002.

Cortney Fortunato scored twice for the Irish. Stephanie Toy and Grace Muller scored one goal each. Casey Pearsall had two helpers for Notre Dame while Kiera McMullan set up a goal as well. Michael had two goals and an assist for the Women of Troy with both of the scores coming in the decisive second half.

Toy opened the scoring, set up by Pearsall, 2:09 into the game but the Trojans tied it up at 1-1 about three minutes later on an Amanda Johansen strike. USC went up 2-1 but Notre Dame equalized at 2-2 on a Muller goal from McMullan. Notre Dame regained the lead at 3-2 when Fortunato, from Pearsall, 16:37 before halftime. The Trojans knotted things back up with 13:28 to go on an unassisted Kylie Drexel goal.

USC regained the lead at 4-3, 5:07 into the second half when Michael scored but Fortunato evened the score at the 17:34 mark on a free position shot where she didn't charge the net, rather taking a single left-footed step forward and firing a bullet into the top corner. Michael's free position goal with 14:58 to play gave the Trojans the lead back at 5-4 and through some occasionally-glacial play it held up.

GAME 17 • APRIL 23, 2016

#6 NOTRE DAME 17
#15 OHIO STATE 9

OHIO STADIUM
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	9	8	--	17
Ohio State	6	3	--	9

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (5-0), C. Pearsall (3-2), Toy (1-2), McMullan (2-0), Ortega (1-1), Sexton (1-1), Muller (1-0), Dalton (1-0), Eilers (1-0), Sullivan (1-0), Cobb (0-1).

OHIO STATE: Gallagher (1-2), Hodgson (2-0), Maring (2-0), Wood (1-1), Constant (1-0), Easton (1-0), Keselman (1-0), Mo. Castelein (0-1).

Shots: ND 33; OSU 26.

Ground Balls: ND 22; OSU 15.

Draw Controls: ND 12; OSU 14.

Turnovers: ND 14; OSU 20.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 9 GA, 8 Sv); OSU: Frederick (47:35, 15 GA, 7 Sv), Wise (12:25, 2 GA, 1 Sv).

Notre Dame got the sort of momentum-building road win it needed heading into the ACC Championship on Saturday afternoon by running past No. 15 Ohio State, 17-9, at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

Paced by five goals from Cortney Fortunato, five points (three goals and two assists) from Casey Pearsall and eight saves by Samantha Giacalone, the Irish take a full head of steam into the conference showcase event wearing white for the first time. The Irish have claimed the third seed and will begin their march to a league title when they face sixth-seeded Louisville inside Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium.

Saturday's venture into a cavernous football facility proved fruitful for the Irish who capped their regular season at 12-5, one win shy of the school regular season victory record of 13 set in 2006 and matched in 2012.

The Buckeyes held a 3-2 lead midway through the first half but the Irish responded with a 5-1 run to take a 7-4 cushion which extended to a 9-6 halftime advantage. The Buckeyes would trim that edge to two goals at 10-8, but Notre Dame against showed its mettle in producing a 6-0 run which sealed the win.

"We got back to playing how we want to play and going into the tournament we're right where we want to be" senior captain Stephanie Toy said. "Before the game we focused on having each other's backs up and down the field and today our communication and our play showed that. It was a good way to finish up our regular season."

Having each other's backs on Saturday meant that 10 different Notre Dame players scored a goal. Having each other's backs meant that nine different Notre Dame players caused a turnover. Having each other's backs meant that 12 different Notre Dame players collected a ground ball – nine of them getting at least two of them. Having each other's backs also left their head coach very happy.

"In that second half when we tightened things up, it was an 8-3 second half," Halfpenny said. "That's absolutely where we want to be at this point in the season scoring 17 goals and holding our opponents to single digits."

The second half would see the Irish outshoot the Buckeyes, 17-12, beat them 14-7 on ground balls and force 14 Buckeye turnovers as the Irish assumed complete control of a quality opponent on the road. Even defensive stalwart Barbara Sullivan would score an unassisted goal as she sliced right through the center of the Ohio State defense on a run to the net.

GAME 18 • APRIL 28, 2016

#6 NOTRE DAME 12
#8 LOUISVILLE 10

LANE STAD. & VT INDOOR FACILITY
BLACKSBURG, VA.

Team	1	2	--	F
Louisville	3	7	--	10
Notre Dame	9	3	--	12

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

LOUISVILLE: Gerding (3-1), Koloski (3-0), Morissette (2-1), Daley (1-0), Smith (1-0), Balog (0-1), Hoover (0-1).

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (4-1), McMullan (2-0), Sexton (2-0), C. Pearsall (2-0), Toy (1-1), Dalton (1-0), Cobb (0-1).

Shots: UofL 22; ND 24.

Ground Balls: UofL 15; ND 12.

Draw Controls: UofL 10; ND 14.

Turnovers: UofL 13; ND 11.

Goalies: UofL: Gielner (60:00, 12 GA, 7 Sv); ND: Giacalone (60:00, 10 GA, 8 Sv).

Notre Dame fans, certainly the vast majority of the ones who have seen "Rudy," know well that in the 1920s Knute Rockne recreated a locker room pep talk for news reels where he invigorated the Fighting Irish by saying that "we're going inside of `em, we're going outside of `em -- inside of `em! outside of `em! -- and when we get them on the run once, we're going to keep `em on the run."

Almost 90 years later, the Irish took things a tad literally on Thursday night. They played No. 8 Louisville outside at Lane Stadium in the ACC quarterfinals. They played Louisville inside the Virginia Tech Indoor Football Practice Facility.

Notre Dame had Louisville figuratively on the run, leading 9-3 at halftime when thunderstorms rolled in necessitating the venue change after a 1:17 lightning delay. The resuscitated Cardinals would claw back into the game once indoors, but Notre Dame's offense was able to keep Louisville literally on the run over the final two minutes. The Irish maintained possession when it mattered most and maintained their lead to defeat Louisville, 12-10.

Thursday night, the taste of revenge was sweet for the Irish. During the regular season, Notre Dame let a 7-4 second half lead slip away against the Cardinals who claimed an overtime win in Louisville on March 5. This time, in the ACC quarterfinals, the Irish raced out to a 10-3 lead before a 5-0 Cardinal run made it a 10-8 game midway through the second half. The Irish would halt their skid, unlike the March meeting, recover, and march onward to victory.

"In the second half, obviously, there was lots of adversity for both teams having a long delay and then changing venues," Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny said. "I'm really proud of my team's resilience. Credit Louisville for making some plays on fast breaks and eight-meters. They were able to come away with goals. But, for our team, I loved my squad. They had some great possessions. We stayed with it. We handled the ball well (11 turnovers are second-fewest this year). We were 100% on our clears (10-for-10 in the game and 5-for-5 after halftime). I feel like we gave ourselves great opportunities and did what we had to do to survive and advance. We're excited an now it's all about a quick turn-around, a quick recovery, and facing Syracuse (tonight)."

In addition to the scant turnover count and clearances, another factor cited by Halfpenny were draw controls. Louisville entered the game outgaining its opponent 215-115 for the year in draw controls, affording the Cardinals the benefit of 100 additional possessions. Thursday night, Notre Dame beat Louisville, 14-10 on draw controls.



GAME 19 • APRIL 29, 2016

#4 SYRACUSE

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VS.

#6 NOTRE DAME

5



LANE STADIUM
BLACKSBURG, VA.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	3	2	--	5
Syracuse	4	5	--	9

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: McMullan (2-1), C. Pearsall (1-1), Muller (1-0), Casadonte (1-0).

SYRACUSE: Levy (2-1), Treanor (2-0), Cross (2-0), Donahue (2-0), Majorana (1-1).

Shots: ND 17; SU 20.

Ground Balls: ND 15; SU 16.

Draw Controls: ND 8; SU 8.

Turnovers: ND 17; SU 12.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 9 GA, 9 Sv); SU: Murray (60:00, 5 GA, 6 Sv).

No. 6 Notre Dame and No. 4 Syracuse mostly traded goals for the first 40 minutes of their ACC women's lacrosse semifinal on Friday night at Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium, but the Orange reeled off a run of four straight goals midway through the second half to claim a 9-5 victory.

Samantha Giacalone saved nine shots for Notre Dame as the Irish defense held the Orange to just nine goals. Kiera McMullan scored twice for Notre Dame and added an assist on a slow night for the Irish offense which took only a season-low 17 shots and was out-shot (20 to 17) for just the third time in 19 games this spring.

Stephanie Toy caused three turnovers while Barbara Sullivan forced the Orange to cough the ball up twice. Casey Pearsall had a goal and an assist for Notre Dame while Grace Muller and Jenn Casadonte also scored goals for the Irish.

On the night, draw controls were even at 8-8, ground balls went 16-15 for Syracuse, shots were 20-17 for the Orange. The game was tight, but the Orange prevailed.

The Orange scored the game's first two goals in the opening 10 minutes before McMullan broke through on a free position shot at the 19:13 mark to make it 2-1. The next eight goals would see an alternating pattern as the Orange kept extending its lead to two goals and the Irish kept cutting it down to a single strike, including a 4-3 margin at halftime.

True to this trend, Syracuse's Riley Donahue scored the first goal of the second half but it was countered by Muller, making it a 5-4 game with 23:48 left to play. Syracuse's Nicole Levy tallied the next goal of the game on a free position shot, but the alternating goals ceased. The Orange scored four in a row to go up 9-4 with Casadonte's strike off of a nifty feed from McMullan with 7:03 to play accounting for the 9-5 final.

The Irish did not get over the top to advance to the program's first ACC championship game, but still it was a valiant effort for Notre Dame which had finished its quarterfinal game against No. 8 Louisville, a 12-10 win, just before midnight on Thursday - a contest which began an hour late and suffered a 1:17 lightning delay and venue relocation due to the rains.

"On the whole, the ACC tournament could be harder than the NCAA final four," Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny said. "You go back-to-back on with top 10 RPI teams. You face one after the other and, for us, it was about a 19-hour turnaround. We had a great opportunity to get tournament-ready against two teams that are going to be playing in the NCAA tournament."



GAME 20 • MAY 15, 2016

#6 NOTRE DAME

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AT

#10 NORTHWESTERN

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ARLOTTA STADIUM
NOTRE DAME, IND.

Team	1	2	--	F
Northwestern	3	0	--	3
Notre Dame	7	8	--	15

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NORTHWESTERN: Esposito (1-1), Lasota (1-0), Craig (1-0), Fredericks (0-1).

NOTRE DAME: Fortunato (4-1), C. Pearsall (2-3), Muller (4-0), McMullan (2-1), Sexton (2-0), Ortega (0-2), Toy (1-0).

Shots: NU 16; ND 35.

Ground Balls: NU 20; ND 22.

Draw Controls: NU 9; ND 11.

Turnovers: NU 21; ND 16.

Goalies: NU: Weisse (60:00, 15 GA, 10 Sv); ND: Giacalone (56:52, 3 GA, 8 Sv), Fantozzi (3:08, 0 GA, 1 Sv).

Sunday morning, thousands of Notre Dame students became Notre Dame alumni as they received their degrees. Hours later, 11 senior student-athletes and one graduate student on Notre Dame's women's lacrosse team ensured that their time at Notre Dame will continue as the Irish matriculated onto the NCAA quarterfinals for the first time since 2009.

The sixth-seeded Irish (14-6) outshot Northwestern 21-5 in the first half and out scored the Wildcats 8-0 in the second half en route to a 15-3 demolition of one of the sport's standard-bearers in an NCAA second round matchup at Arlotta Stadium.

Cortney Fortunato and Grace Muller both scored four goals to pace the Irish offense while the Notre Dame defense caused 16 turnovers (led by three apiece from Barbara Sullivan and Brie Custis) and held the Wildcats to a season-low 16 shots.

"It's a great program win and all the credit goes to the players," Irish head coach Christine Halfpenny said. "They've been focused on this, especially the senior class. Since the senior class came here as freshman, they've been focused on advancing to at least the quarterfinals and they've worked so hard. I can't be more proud of them. They had an outstanding week of preparation and this outcome is no surprise to the people in this locker room after seeing the way they worked all week."

By scoring on just three goals it is the best scoring defensive performance against Northwestern since May 3, 2003, when Syracuse downed the Wildcats, 14-3, prior to the purple-clad northsiders claiming their seven national titles in eight years. The 12-goal defeat matches the worst in Northwestern's lengthy NCAA Championship history. The scope of the victory is only enhanced by the foe it came against as the Irish improved to 6-1 all-time in home NCAA play.

Notre Dame controlled the game on Sunday from start to finish, opening the game on a 4-0 run and closing it on a 9-0 run which was punctuated by seven second half saves from goalkeeper Samantha Giacalone.

Sullivan, now a Tewaaron Award finalist for the second consecutive year, controlled five draws and collected three ground balls to accompany her three turnovers. She also stood front-and-center in an Irish defense that held an opponent to less than five goals for the school-record eighth time this year.

In addition to Fortunato and Muller, Kiera McMullan, Rachel Sexton and Casey Pearsall each scored two goals for the Irish, Pearsall coupling her scores with three assists for a five-point day.



GAME 21 • MAY 21, 2016

#3 NORTH CAROLINA

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AT

#6 NOTRE DAME

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FETZER FIELD
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

Team	1	2	--	F
Notre Dame	4	2	--	6
North Carolina	6	4	--	10

SCORING (GOALS-ASSISTS)

NOTRE DAME: McMullan (2-0), Fortunato (2-0), Dalton (1-0), Cobb (1-0).

NORTH CAROLINA: McCool (3-0), Hazar (1-2), Hendrick (2-0), Messinger (1-1), Tracy (1-0), Reed (1-0), Devlin (1-0).

Shots: ND 21; UNC 19.

Ground Balls: ND 15; UNC 15.

Draw Controls: ND 8; UNC 10.

Turnovers: ND 12; UNC 13.

Goalies: ND: Giacalone (60:00, 10 GA, 6 Sv); UNC: Ward (60:00, 6 GA, 8 Sv).

Cortney Fortunato and Kiera McMullan each scored twice and Samantha Giacalone made six saves, but it was not enough as Notre Dame saw its 2016 season come to a close with a hard-fought 10-6 loss in the NCAA quarterfinals at ACC rival and third-ranked North Carolina on Saturday afternoon at Fetzer Field.

The Fighting Irish knotted the game at 3-3 on Alex Dalton's lone goal of the game with 10:36 remaining in the first half. However, UNC responded by netting three of the final four goals in the opening stanza to take a 6-4 lead into the dressing room. The Tar Heels then scored the first two goals of the second half before Notre Dame pulled within 8-5 on Fortunato's second tally of the day with 19:03 to play, but UNC's Molly Hendrick answered with a goal 52 seconds later and the Fighting Irish could not get closer than three scores the rest of the afternoon.

Notre Dame finished with a slim 21-19 edge in total shots, although North Carolina held a 16-14 advantage in shots on goal. Each team scooped 15 ground balls, while the Fighting Irish forced 13 UNC turnovers, committing 12 on their own.

Molly Cobb added the other goal for Notre Dame, while Marie McCool scored three goals and Hendrick added a pair of scores to lead North Carolina. UNC goalkeeper Megan Ward made eight saves between the pipes for the Tar Heels.

"The first thing you have to look at is (UNC goalkeeper) Megan Ward was outstanding today," Notre Dame head coach Christine Halfpenny said. "She was all over us. She turned away multiple point-blank opportunities and I think when your goalie is hot like that ... that's something that we struggled with today, adjusting our shooting and going 6-for-21, that's just a tough day out for us. We got our looks and just didn't finish them out today."

"I thought that, going into the half, we were winning every single category - mind you by one, playing a strong Carolina team. That was part of our plan, (to) compete the whole way, one play at a time and we did a really nice job of that. Unfortunately we had a couple of miscues, miscommunications there in the first 10 minutes of the second half, jumping some of the things we didn't want to jump and just missed our switches."

"I don't know if it's really hit me just yet that our season's over. This group of seniors has been so remarkable. This whole senior class has been motivated, they've been driven and they've achieved, coming just short of getting to that Final Four to compete for a national title. We were national contenders all year and it speaks to the attitude they brought every single day to training, every single day to the locker room. They were an incredible group to be with."

#1 KIERA McMULLAN

Sr. • A • West Nyack, N.Y. • Pearl River

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	14-0	15	6	5	11	4	3	3
2014	19-8	50	26	8	34	28	3	9
2015	18-6	38	12	9	21	8	1	3
2016	21-21	73	27	18	45	18	10	6
Total	72-35	176	71	40	111	58	17	21

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:3, at Louisville, 3/5
Assists:4, vs. Virginia, 3/19
Points:6, vs. Virginia, 3/19
Ground Balls:.....3, vs. Duke, 4/16
Draw Controls:.....2, at Louisville, 3/5
Caused Turnovers:2, 3x, last vs. Duke, 4/16

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:4, vs. Louisville, 3/8/14
Assists:4, vs. Virginia, 3/19/16
Points:6, vs. Virginia, 3/19/16
Ground Balls:.....5, at Northwestern, 3/5/14
Draw Controls:.....2, 2x, last at Louisville, 3/5/16
Caused Turnovers:2, 4x, last vs. Duke, 4/16/16

#2 HANNAH HARTMAN

Sr. • M/D • Cockeysville, Md. • Notre Dame Prep

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	9-0	0	0	0	0	8	0	2
2014	14-0	11	4	2	6	11	6	4
2015	7-0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
2016	13-0	7	2	2	4	4	0	4
Total	43-0	18	6	4	10	24	8	10

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:1, 2x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19
Assists:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9
Points:2, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Ground Balls:.....2, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Caused Turnovers:3, at Virginia Tech, 3/8

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:2, at North Carolina, 2/27/14
Assists:1, 4x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Points:2, 3x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Ground Balls:.....5, vs. Georgetown, 4/14/13
Draw Controls:.....2, at Virginia Tech, 3/2/14
Caused Turnovers:3, at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16

#3 NIKKI ORTEGA

Fr. • A • Centereach, N.Y. • Centereach

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2016	21-14	43	21	14	35	20	11	7
Total	21-14	43	21	14	35	20	11	7

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:4, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Assists:3, vs. Princeton, 3/13
Points:4, 5x, last at Marquette, 3/28
Ground Balls:.....3, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Draw Controls:.....2, vs. Duke, 4/16
Caused Turnovers:2, vs. Syracuse, 3/26

#4 EMMA CLAIRE FONTENOT

Jr. • M • Eden Prairie, Minn. • Eden Prairie

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	3-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
2015	7-0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
2016	7-0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0
Total	17-0	4	3	1	4	1	2	0

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:1, Virginia Tech, 3/8
Assists:1, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Points:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9
Draw Controls:.....1, vs. Liberty, 3/9

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:1, 3x, last at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16
Assists:1, vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Points:1, 4x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Ground Balls:.....1, vs. Detroit, 2/15/15
Draw Controls:.....1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16

#5 RACHEL SEXTON

Sr. • A • Sudbury, Mass. • Lincoln-Sudbury

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	6-0	6	3	1	4	0	0	2
2014	19-19	59	33	7	40	16	3	6
2015	20-20	71	37	7	44	17	4	9
2016	21-21	93	43	14	57	12	0	10
Total	66-60	229	116	29	145	45	7	27

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:5, vs. California, 2/28
Assists:3, at Northwestern, 4/10
Points:7, vs. California, 2/28
Ground Balls:.....2, 3x, last vs. Louisville, 4/28
Caused Turnovers:2, 2x, last at Ohio State, 4/23

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:5, 3x, last vs. California, 2/28/16
Assists:3, at Northwestern, 4/10/16
Points:7, vs. California, 2/28/16
Ground Balls:.....4, vs. High Point, 5/9/14
Draw Controls:.....2, at Boston College, 3/6/15
Caused Turnovers:2, 4x, last at Ohio State, 4/23/16

#6 STEPHANIE TOY (C)

Sr. • M • Moorestown, N.J. • Moorestown

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	17-0	18	11	4	15	13	6	8
2014	19-19	45	15	8	23	14	7	11
2015	20-20	50	20	5	25	22	4	18
2016	21-21	34	14	8	22	28	5	24
Total	77-60	147	60	25	85	77	22	61

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:2, vs. Duke, 4/16
Assists:2, 3x, last at Ohio State, 4/23
Points:3, at Ohio State, 4/23
Ground Balls:.....3, 3x, last at Northwestern, 4/10
Draw Controls:.....1, 5x, last vs. Syracuse, 4/29
Caused Turnovers:3, 3x, last at North Carolina, 5/21

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:3, 3x, last at Syracuse, 4/7/15
Assists:2, 5x, last at Ohio State, 4/23/16
Points:4, 3x, last at Syracuse, 4/7/15
Ground Balls:.....3, 5x, last at Northwestern, 4/10/16
Draw Controls:.....3, 2x, last at Boston Univ., 3/9/13
Caused Turnovers:3, 5x, last at North Carolina, 5/21/16

#7 DANIELLE LUKISH

Sr. • D • Lutherville, Md. • Notre Dame Prep

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	4-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2014	3-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2015	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2

CAREER HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....1, 2x, last vs. High Point, 5/9/14
Caused Turnovers:1, 2x, last at Villanova, 3/23/14

#8 STEPHANIE PERAGALLO (C)

Sr. • A • Hauppauge, N.Y. • Hauppauge

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2012								
2013	17-17							
2014	19-18	0	0	0	0	28	3	20
2015	20-20	0	0	0	0	23	3	25
2016	21-21	0	0	1	1	37	5	26
Total	77-76	0	0	2	2	126	17	102

SEASON HIGHS:

Assists:1, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Points:1, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Ground Balls:.....5, at Marquette, 3/28
Draw Controls:.....2, vs. Syracuse, 4/29
Caused Turnovers:4, vs. Syracuse, 3/26

CAREER HIGHS:

Assists:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Points:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Ground Balls:.....5, at Marquette, 3/28/16
Draw Controls:.....2, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 4/29/16
Caused Turnovers:5, at Syracuse, 4/7/15

#9 SYDNEY CARDOZO

So. • A/M • Richmond, Va. • Collegiate School

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2015	4-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
2016	11-0	3	1	1	2	3	3	0
Total	15-0	3	1	1	2	4	4	0

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:1, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Assists:1, vs. California, 2/28
Points:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9
Ground Balls:1, 3x, last vs. Virginia, /319
Draw Controls:.....1, 3x, last vs. Princeton, 3/13

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Assists:1, vs. California, 2/28/16
Points:1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Ground Balls:.....1, 4x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19/16
Draw Controls:.....1, 4x, last vs. Princeton, 3/13/16

#10 HANNAH PROCTOR

Fr. • D • Radnor, Pa. • Radnor

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2016	6-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Total	6-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....3, vs. Liberty, 3/9

#11 AUSTIN PRUITT

Sr. • D • Richmond, Va. • Collegiate School

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	7-0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2
2014	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
2015	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2016	12-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	29-0	0	0	1	1	1	4	4

SEASON HIGHS:

Draw Controls: 1, 2x, last vs. Northwestern, 5/15

CAREER HIGHS:

Assists: 1, at Syracuse, 4/19/13
Points: 1, at Syracuse, 4/19/13
Ground Balls: 1, vs. Detroit, 3/5/13
Draw Controls: 2, vs. Syracuse, 4/19/14
Caused Turnovers: 1, 4x, last vs. Detroit, 2/15/15

#12 ALEX DALTON

Jr. • M • Needham, Mass. • Notre Dame Academy

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	19-19	9	3	2	5	38	22	19
2015	20-20	21	8	3	11	40	38	18
2016	17-15	40	16	5	21	27	32	17
Total	56-54	70	27	10	37	105	92	54

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals: 3, vs. Stanford, 2/13
Assists: 2, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/26
Points: 4, vs. Syracuse, 3/26
Ground Balls: 3, 3x, last vs. Northwestern, 5/15
Draw Controls: 5, vs. Syracuse, 3/26
Caused Turnovers: 4, vs. USC, 4/18

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 3, vs. Stanford, 2/13/16
Assists: 2, 2x, last vs. Syracuse, 3/26/16
Points: 4, vs. Syracuse, 3/26/16
Ground Balls: 5, 2x, last vs. North Carolina, 3/29/15
Draw Controls: 6, 2x, last vs. Michigan, 4/12/15
Caused Turnovers: 4, vs. USC, 4/18/16

#13 KATHERINE EILERS

Jr. • M • Winnetka, Ill. • Loyola Academy

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	19-0	1	1	2	3	8	6	4
2015	20-8	11	5	2	7	20	12	5
2016	20-16	5	3	0	3	21	21	15
Total	59-24	17	9	4	13	49	39	24

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals: 1, 3x, last at Ohio State, 4/23
Points: 1, 2x, last vs. Duke, 4/16
Ground Balls: 2, 6x, last vs. Syracuse, 4/29
Draw Controls: 4, at Jacksonville, 2/6
Caused Turnovers: 2, 5x, last vs. USC, 4/18

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 1, 9x, last at Ohio State, 4/23/16
Assists: 1, 4x, last vs. North Carolina, 4/24/15
Points: 2, vs. Syracuse, 4/19/14
Ground Balls: 3, 2x, last vs. Ohio State, 5/8/15
Draw Controls: 4, at Jacksonville, 2/6/16
Caused Turnovers: 2, 5x, last vs. USC, 4/18/16

#14 HEIDI ANNAHEIM

Jr. • A • Kinnelon, N.J. • Kinnelon

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	14-0	16	6	3	9	6	1	2
2015	20-14	46	27	10	37	8	8	3
2016	10-7	27	14	11	25	6	5	2
Total	44-23	89	47	24	71	20	14	7

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals: 3, 2x, last vs. California, 2/28
Assists: 2, 4x, last at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Points: 5, 2x, last vs. California, 2/28
Ground Balls: 2, at Jacksonville, 2/6
Draw Controls: 4, vs. California, 2/28
Caused Turnovers: 1, 2x, last vs. Colorado, 2/26

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 3, 6x, last vs. California, 2/28/16
Assists: 2, 5x, last at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16
Points: 5, 3x, last vs. California, 2/28/16
Ground Balls: 2, 3x, last at Jacksonville, 2/6/16
Draw Controls: 4, vs. California, 2/28/16
Caused Turnovers: 2, at Villanova, 3/23/14

#15 CORTNEY FORTUNATO

Jr. • A • Northport, N.Y. • Northport

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	19-19	105	46	17	63	22	16	9
2015	20-20	131	56	20	76	28	24	30
2016	21-21	151	64	27	91	28	6	31
Total	60-60	387	166	64	230	78	46	70

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals: 5, 3x, last at Northwestern, 4/10
Assists: 5, vs. California, 2/28
Points: 8, 2x, last vs. California, 2/28
Ground Balls: 3, vs. Duke, 4/16
Draw Controls: 1, 6x, last vs. Northwestern, 5/15
Caused Turnovers: 4, 2x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 8, vs. Virginia Tech, 3/14/15
Assists: 5, vs. California, 2/28/16
Points: 8, 5x, last vs. California, 2/28/16
Ground Balls: 4, 3x, last at vs. Michigan, 4/12/15
Draw Controls: 4, 3x, last vs. Ohio State, 5/8/15
Caused Turnovers: 4, 4x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19/16

#16 MICHELE PHILLIPS

Sr. • A • Alexandria, Va. • St. Stephen's & St. Agnes

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	4-0	3	0	2	2	1	0	2
2014	16-0	11	3	3	6	6	3	4
2015	6-0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
2016	10-0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	36-0	15	3	6	9	10	4	8

SEASON HIGHS:

Ground Balls: 1, 2x, last vs. Northwestern, 5/15
Caused Turnovers: 1, 2x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 1, 3x, last vs. Marquette, 3/23/14
Assists: 2, 2x, last at Richmond, 3/11/14
Points: 3, at Richmond, 3/11/14
Ground Balls: 2, at Maryland, 3/15/14
Draw Controls: 1, 3x, last at Ohio State, 4/15/14
Caused Turnovers: 2, 3x, last at Villanova, 3/23/14

#17 BARBARA SULLIVAN (C)

Gr. • D • Garden City, N.Y. • Garden City

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2012	18-18	0	0	0	0	40	32	32
2013	17-17	5	2	2	4	57	67	34
2014	6-6	1	0	1	1	2	22	3
2015	20-20	2	0	2	2	41	83*	35
2016	21-21	6	2	3	5	48	65	55*
Total	82*-82*	14	4	8	12	188	269*	159*

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals: 1, 2x, last at Ohio State, 4/23
Assists: 1, 3x, last at North Carolina, 4/3
Points: 1, 5x, last at Ohio State, 4/23
Ground Balls: 5, 2x, last at North Carolina, 4/3
Draw Controls: 6, 2x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19
Caused Turnovers: *7, 2x, last vs. Princeton, 3/13

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 1, 4x, last at Ohio State, 4/23/16
Assists: 1, 8x, last at North Carolina, 4/3/16
Points: 1, 12x, last at Ohio State, 4/23/16
Ground Balls: 8, 2x, last vs. Stanford, 5/10/13
Draw Controls: *9, 2x, last at Virginia, 4/4/15
Caused Turnovers: *7, 2x, last vs. Princeton, 3/13/16
* school records

#18 CAROLINE DOYLE

So. • D • Towson, Md. • Notre Dame Prep

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2015	7-1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
2016	7-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Total	14-1	0	0	0	0	3	1	2

SEASON HIGHS:

Ground Balls: 1, vs. Colorado, 2/26
Draw Controls: 1, vs. California, 2/28
Caused Turnovers: 1, vs. California, 2/28

CAREER HIGHS:

Ground Balls: 1, 3x, last vs. Colorado, 2/26/16
Draw Controls: 1, vs. California, 2/28/16
Caused Turnovers: 1, 2x, last vs. California, 2/28/16

#19 MAKENNA PEARSALL

Fr. • M/D • Wilton, Conn. • Wilton

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2016	DNP-Injured							
Total	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#20 JENN CASADONTE

Fr. • M • Dix Hills, N.Y. • Half Hollow Hills

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2016	20-0	12	9	1	10	12	12	5
Total	20-0	12	9	1	10	12	12	5

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS:

Goals: 2, 3x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9
Assists: 1, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Points: 3, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Ground Balls: 3, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Draw Controls: 4, vs. Liberty, 3/9
Caused Turnovers: 1, 5x, last vs. Syracuse, 4/29

#21 GRACE MULLER

Jr. • A • Ruxton, Md. • McDonough School

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	18-0	19	10	0	10	7	0	1
2015	18-3	33	18	5	23	12	7	6
2016	21-9	51	28	6	34	12	11	1
Total	57-12	103	56	11	67	31	18	8

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:4, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Assists:1, 5x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19
Points:5, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Ground Balls:.....2, 2x, last vs. Northwestern, 5/15
Draw Controls:.....2, 3x, last at North Carolina, 5/21
Caused Turnovers:1, vs. Northwestern, 5/15

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:4, 2x, last at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16
Assists:1, 10x, last vs. Virginia, 3/19/16
Points:5, at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16
Ground Balls:.....3, 3x, last vs. Northwestern, 4/16/15
Draw Controls:.....2, 4x, last at North Carolina, 5/21/16
Caused Turnovers:3, vs. Ohio State, 3/21/15

#22 MOLLY COBB

So. • M • Towson, Md. • Notre Dame Prep

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2015	17-0	4	1	5	6	2	2	1
2016	21-1	12	3	4	7	20	11	8
Total	38-1	16	4	9	13	22	13	9

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:1, 3x, last at North Carolina, 5/21
Assists:1, 4x, last vs. Louisville, 4/28
Points:1, 7x, last at North Carolina, 5/21
Ground Balls:.....3, 3x, last at Ohio State, 4/23
Draw Controls:.....2, 4x, last vs. Louisville, 4/28
Caused Turnovers:2, vs. USC, 4/18

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:1, 4x, last at North Carolina, 5/21/16
Assists:3, vs. Ohio State, 5/8/15
Points:3, vs. Ohio State, 5/8/15
Ground Balls:.....3, 3x, last at Ohio State, 4/23/16
Draw Controls:.....2, 4x, last vs. Louisville, 4/28/16
Caused Turnovers:2, vs. USC, 4/18/16

#23 SAMANTHA GIACOLONE

Fr. • G • Manorville, N.Y • Eastville South Manor

Year	GP-GS	W-L	Min.	GA	GAA	Saves	Pct.
2015	21-21	14-7	1233:56	164	7.97	141	.462
Total	21-21	14-7	1233:56	164	7.97	141	.462

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS:

Saves:13, vs. Boston College, 2/21
Ground Balls:.....3, 4x, last at North Carolina, 5/21
Caused Turnovers:3, at Ohio State, 4/23

#24 CASEY PEARSALL

Jr. • M • Wilton, Conn. • Wilton

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	19-19	29	12	12	24	26	38	10
2015	16-15	40	16	18	34	24	42	22
2016	21-21	84	30	22	52	29	42	23
Total	56-55	153	58	52	110	79	122	55

SEASON HIGHS:

Goals:5, vs. Syracuse, 3/26
Assists:3, at Jacksonville, 2/6
Points:6, vs. Syracuse, 3/26
Ground Balls:.....5, at Jacksonville, 2/6
Draw Controls:.....6, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Caused Turnovers:3, 3x, last vs. Duke, 4/16

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:5, vs. Syracuse, 3/26/16
Assists:3, 5x, last at Jacksonville, 2/6/16
Points:6, vs. Syracuse, 3/26/16
Ground Balls:.....5, at Jacksonville, 2/6/16
Draw Controls:.....*9, at Villanova, 3/23/14
Caused Turnovers:5, at Stony Brook, 3/10/15
* school record

#25 RORY BYRNE

So. • D • South Bend, Ind. • Culver Academies

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2015					DNP-Injured			
2016					DNP-Injured			
Total	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#26 KATHERINE McMANUS

Sr. • M/D • Sharon, Mass. • Thayer Academy

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	4-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2014	5-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2015	12-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2016	16-0	0	0	0	0	11	0	8
Total	37-0	0	0	0	0	15	0	9

SEASON HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....3, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Caused Turnovers:4, at Virginia Tech, 3/8

CAREER HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....3, at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16
Caused Turnovers:4, at Virginia Tech, 3/8/16

#27 ABI CULLINAN

So. • A • Pittsford, N.Y. • Pittsford Mendon

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2015	9-0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1
2016					DNP-Injured			
Total	9-0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:1, 2x, last vs. North Carolina, 4/24
Assists:1, at Virginia, 4/23
Points:1, 3x, last vs. North Carolina, 4/24
Ground Balls:.....None
Draw Controls:.....None
Caused Turnovers:1, vs. Detroit, 2/15

#28 HANNAH REES

Jr. • D • Sykesville, Md. • McDonough School

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2014	3-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2015	3-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2016	7-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	13-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2

SEASON HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....1, vs. Liberty, 3/9

CAREER HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....1, 3x, last vs. Liberty, 3/9/16
Caused Turnovers:1, 2x, last vs. Detroit, 2/15/15

#30 NICOLE FANTOZZI

Sr. • G • Brecksville, Ohio • Brecksville-Broadview Heights

Year	GP-GS	W-L	Min.	GA	GAA	Saves	Pct.
2016	5-0	0-0	31:07	4	7.71	1	.200
Total	5-0	0-0	31:07	4	7.71	1	.200

#32 BRIE CUSTIS (C)

Sr. • D • Salisbury, Md. • Parkside

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2013	17-5	15	4	6	10	9	12	4
2014	19-19	28	12	7	19	28	12	17
2015	20-14	23	6	15	21	22	11	17
2016	21-21	1	0	0	0	34	7	37
Total	77-59	67	22	28	50	93	42	75

SEASON HIGHS:

Ground Balls:.....6, vs. Virginia, 3/19
Draw Controls:.....2, at Northwestern, 4/10
Caused Turnovers:5, vs. Virginia, 3/19

CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:3, at Villanova, 3/23/14
Assists:3, vs. Ohio State, 3/21/15
Points:3, 4x, last vs. Ohio State, 3/21/15
Ground Balls:.....6, vs. Virginia, 3/19/16
Draw Controls:.....3, 2x, last vs. Duke, 5/11/14
Caused Turnovers:5, vs. Virginia, 3/19/16

#33 SAMANTHA LYNCH

Fr. • M • Huntington, N.Y. • Huntington

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2016	14-1	11	4	1	5	3	13	1
Total	14-1	11	4	1	5	3	13	1

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS:

Goals:2, vs. California, 2/28
Assists:1, at Northwestern, 4/10
Points:2, vs. California, 2/28
Ground Balls:.....1, 3x, last at Northwestern, 4/10
Draw Controls:.....4, at Virginia Tech, 3/8
Caused Turnovers:1, at Marquette, 3/28

#36 SYDNEY FLYNN

Fr. • M • Louisville, Ky. • Sacred Heart Academy

Year	GP-GS	SH	G	A	Pts.	GB	DC	CT
2016	6-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	6-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS:

Draw Controls:.....1, at Virginia Tech, 3/8

2016 Notre Dame Lacrosse
Notre Dame Combined Team Statistics
All games (as of May 21, 2016)

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-7	8-2	4-4	2-1
CONFERENCE	4-3	3-1	1-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-4	5-1	3-2	2-1

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.	##	PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Gw	GB	DC	TO	CT
Feb 06	at Jacksonville	w	18-5	142	15	Cortney Fortunato	21	64	27	91	151	1	28	6	29	31
Feb 13	#15 STANFORD	w	13-9	909	5	Rachel Sexton	21	43	14	57	93	4	12	0	39	10
* Feb 21	#9 BOSTON COLLEGE	w	14-4	1015	24	Casey Pearsall	21	30	22	52	84	2	29	42	44	23
Feb 26	COLORADO	w	14-4	989	1	Kiera McMullan	21	27	18	45	73	1	18	10	20	6
Feb 28	CALIFORNIA	w	21-2	988	3	Nikki Ortega	21	21	14	35	43	1	20	11	19	7
* Mar 05	at #11 Louisville	Lot	9-10	843	21	Grace Muller	21	28	6	34	51	0	12	11	11	1
* Mar 08	at Virginia Tech	w	19-10	189	14	Heidi Annaheim	10	14	11	25	27	2	6	5	10	2
Mar 09	vs LIBERTY	w	25-2	0	6	Stephanie Toy	21	14	8	22	34	0	28	5	12	24
Mar 13	#7 PRINCETON	w	16-11	1201	12	Alex Dalton	17	16	5	21	40	1	27	32	16	17
* Mar 19	#9 VIRGINIA	w	16-4	1117	20	Jenn Casadonte	20	9	1	10	12	2	12	12	10	5
* Mar 26	#5 SYRACUSE	L	11-12	1277	22	Molly Cobb	21	3	4	7	12	0	20	11	16	8
Mar 28	at Marquette	w	17-9	164	33	Samantha Lynch	14	4	1	5	11	0	3	13	4	1
* Apr 03	at #3 North Carolina	L	8-14	923	17	Barbara Sullivan	21	2	3	5	6	0	48	65	19	55
Apr 10	at #13 Northwestern	L	12-17	1009	2	Hannah Hartman	13	2	2	4	7	0	4	0	3	4
* Apr 16	#13 DUKE	Wot	10-9	1467	13	Katherine Eilers	20	3	0	3	5	0	21	21	15	15
Apr 18	#5 USC	L	4-5	1379	9	Sydney Cardozo	11	1	1	2	3	0	3	3	1	0
Apr 23	at #9 Ohio State	w	17-9	763	4	Emma Claire Fontenot	7	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Apr 28	vs #8 Louisville	w	12-10	241	8	Stephanie Peragall	21	0	1	1	0	0	37	5	6	26
Apr 29	vs #4 Syracuse	L	5-9	225	36	Sydney Flynn	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
May 15	#10 NORTHWESTERN	w	15-3	267	32	Brie Custis	21	0	0	0	1	0	34	7	16	37
May 21	at #3 North Carolina	L	6-10	481	16	Michele Phillips	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
					30	Nicole Fantozzi	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					28	Hannah Rees	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
					26	Katherine McManu	16	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	2	8
					23	Samantha Giacalone	21	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	11	11
					18	Caroline Doyle	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
					11	Austin Pruitt	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
					10	Hannah Proctor	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
					7	Danielle Lukish	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						Total	21	282	139	421	656	14	420	264	310	294
						Opponents	21	168	58	226	406	7	361	224	386	183

TEAM STATISTICS ND OPP

SHOT STATISTICS

Goals-Shot attempts	282-656	168-406
Goals scored per game	13.43	8.00
Shot pct.	.430	.414
Shots on goal-Attempts	474-656	310-406
SOG pct.	.723	.764
Shots/Game	31.2	19.3
Assists	139	58
Free position Made-Att	58-125	42-90
Free position pct.	.464	.467

GOAL BREAKDOWN

Total Goals	282	168
Free-position	58	42
Unassisted	143	110
Overtime	1	1

Goals scored average	13.37	7.97
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DRAW CONTROLS	264	224
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CLEARs	279-352	278-352
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ATTENDANCE

Total	10609	4514
Dates/Avg Per Date	10/1061	8/564
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/155	

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T
30	Nicole Fantozzi	5	31:07	4	7.71	1	.200	0-0-0
23	Samantha Giacalone	21	1233:56	164	7.97	141	.462	14-7-0
	Total	21	1265:03	168	7.97	142	.458	14-7-0
	Opponents	21	1265:03	282	13.37	192	.405	7-14-0

Goals by Period

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	145	136	1	282
Opponents	86	81	1	168

Saves by Period

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	73	69	0	142
Opponents	98	93	1	192

Shots by Period

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	341	312	3	656
Opponents	211	193	2	406

Shots on Goal

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	243	229	2	474
Opponents	159	150	1	310

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All games (as of May 21, 2016)

Overall: 14-7 Conf: 4-3 Home: 8-2 Away: 4-4 Neut: 2-1

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##	Player	gp-gs	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	fpg-fps	gb	dc	t/o	ct	foul	rc	yc	gc
15	Cortney Fortunato	21-21	64	27	91	151	.424	104	.689	1	17-31	28	6	29	31	41	0	8	0
5	Rachel Sexton	21-21	43	14	57	93	.462	73	.785	4	10-25	12	0	39	10	20	0	1	0
24	Casey Pearsall	21-21	30	22	52	84	.357	53	.631	2	7-13	29	42	44	23	72	0	4	0
1	Kiera McMullan	21-21	27	18	45	73	.370	51	.699	1	4-9	18	10	20	6	20	0	5	0
3	Nikki Ortega	21-14	21	14	35	43	.488	34	.791	1	2-9	20	11	19	7	18	0	2	0
21	Grace Muller	21-9	28	6	34	51	.549	41	.804	0	4-6	12	11	11	1	13	0	1	0
14	Heidi Annaheim	10-7	14	11	25	27	.519	22	.815	2	1-4	6	5	10	2	9	0	1	0
6	Stephanie Toy	21-21	14	8	22	34	.412	23	.676	0	3-6	28	5	12	24	76	0	3	0
12	Alex Dalton	17-15	16	5	21	40	.400	29	.725	1	3-8	27	32	16	17	26	0	0	0
20	Jenn Casadonte	20-0	9	1	10	12	.750	12	1.000	2	3-5	12	12	10	5	24	0	1	0
22	Molly Cobb	21-1	3	4	7	12	.250	6	.500	0	2-4	20	11	16	8	23	0	0	0
33	Samantha Lynch	14-1	4	1	5	11	.364	7	.636	0	1-1	3	13	4	1	10	0	1	0
17	Barbara Sullivan	21-21	2	3	5	6	.333	6	1.000	0	0-2	48	65	19	55	81	0	5	1
2	Hannah Hartman	13-0	2	2	4	7	.286	5	.714	0	-	4	0	3	4	6	0	0	0
13	Katherine Eilers	20-16	3	0	3	5	.600	3	.600	0	0-1	21	21	15	15	29	0	2	0
9	Sydney Cardozo	11-0	1	1	2	3	.333	2	.667	0	-	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	0
4	Emma Claire Fontenot	7-0	1	1	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	1-1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
8	Stephanie Peragallo	21-21	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	37	5	6	26	54	0	3	0
36	Sydney Flynn	6-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Brie Custis	21-21	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	-	34	7	16	37	51	0	2	0
16	Michele Phillips	10-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	-	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	0
30	Nicole Fantozzi	5-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Hannah Rees	7-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
26	Katherine McManus	16-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	11	0	2	8	6	0	0	0
23	Samantha Giacalone	21-21	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	38	0	11	11	1	0	0	0
18	Caroline Doyle	7-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
11	Austin Pruitt	12-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0
10	Hannah Proctor	6-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
7	Danielle Lukish	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		21	282	139	421	656	.430	474	.723	14	58-125	420	264	310	294	605	0	40	1
Opponents		21	168	58	226	406	.414	310	.764	7	42-90	361	224	386	183	619	0	42	0

##	Goalie	gp-gs	min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	shots faced
30	Nicole Fantozzi	5-0	31:07	4	7.71	1	.200	0	0	0	7
23	Samantha Giacalone	21-21	1233:56	164	7.97	141	.462	14	7	0	399
Total		21	1265:03	168	7.97	142	.458	14	7	0	406
Opponents		21	1265:03	282	13.37	192	.405	7	14	0	656

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	145	136	1	282
Opponents	86	81	1	168

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	73	69	0	142
Opponents	98	93	1	192

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	341	312	3	656
Opponents	211	193	2	406

Attendance Summary	ND	Opponent
Total	10609	4514
Dates/Avg Per Date	10/1061	8/564
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/155	

Shots on Goal	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	243	229	2	474
Opponents	159	150	1	310

CLEARs: Notre Dame -- 279-352 .793, Opponents -- 278-352 .790.

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##	Points	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	64	27	91	151
5	Rachel Sexton	21	43	14	57	93
24	Casey Pearsall	21	30	22	52	84
1	Kiera McMullan	21	27	18	45	73
3	Nikki Ortega	21	21	14	35	43

##	Goals	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	64	27	91	151
5	Rachel Sexton	21	43	14	57	93
24	Casey Pearsall	21	30	22	52	84
21	Grace Muller	21	28	6	34	51
1	Kiera McMullan	21	27	18	45	73

##	Assists	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	64	27	91	151
24	Casey Pearsall	21	30	22	52	84
1	Kiera McMullan	21	27	18	45	73
3	Nikki Ortega	21	21	14	35	43
5	Rachel Sexton	21	43	14	57	93

##	Ground Balls	GP	No.
17	Barbara Sullivan	21	48
23	Samantha Giacalone	21	38
8	Stephanie Peragallo	21	37
32	Brie Custis	21	34
24	Casey Pearsall	21	29

##	Draw Controls	GP	No.
17	Barbara Sullivan	21	65
24	Casey Pearsall	21	42
12	Alex Dalton	17	32
13	Katherine Eilers	20	21
33	Samantha Lynch	14	13

##	Game-winning Goals	GP	No.
5	Rachel Sexton	21	4
20	Jenn Casadonte	20	2
14	Heidi Annaheim	10	2
24	Casey Pearsall	21	2
3	Nikki Ortega	21	1

##	Free-position Goals	GP	No.
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	17
5	Rachel Sexton	21	10
24	Casey Pearsall	21	7
21	Grace Muller	21	4
1	Kiera McMullan	21	4

##	Shots	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	64	27	151	.424
5	Rachel Sexton	21	43	14	93	.462
24	Casey Pearsall	21	30	22	84	.357
1	Kiera McMullan	21	27	18	73	.370
21	Grace Muller	21	28	6	51	.549

##	Shot Pct.	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
4	Emma Claire Fontenot	7	1	1	1	1.000
20	Jenn Casadonte	20	9	1	12	.750
13	Katherine Eilers	20	3	0	5	.600
21	Grace Muller	21	28	6	51	.549
14	Heidi Annaheim	10	14	11	27	.519

##	Shots on Goal	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	64	27	151	104	.689
5	Rachel Sexton	21	43	14	93	73	.785
24	Casey Pearsall	21	30	22	84	53	.631
1	Kiera McMullan	21	27	18	73	51	.699
21	Grace Muller	21	28	6	51	41	.804

##	Shots on Goal Pct.	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG	SOG%
20	Jenn Casadonte	20	9	1	12	12	1.000
17	Barbara Sullivan	21	2	3	6	6	1.000
4	Emma Claire Fontenot	7	1	1	1	1	1.000
36	Sydney Flynn	6	0	0	1	1	1.000
16	Michele Phillips	10	0	0	1	1	1.000

##	Caused Turnovers	GP	No.
17	Barbara Sullivan	21	55
32	Brie Custis	21	37
15	Cortney Fortunato	21	31
8	Stephanie Peragallo	21	26
6	Stephanie Toy	21	24

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Score	G	A	Pts	Sh	Sog	GW	fpg-fps	GB	DC	TO	CT	Fo	RC	YC	GC
Feb 06, 2016	Jacksonville	18-5	18	15	33	40	31	1	0-1	23	18	18	17	20	0	2	0
Feb 13, 2016	STANFORD	13-9	13	3	16	37	24	1	3-9	18	12	12	18	29	0	4	0
Feb 21, 2016	BOSTON COLLEGE	14-4	14	9	23	28	20	1	3-4	21	9	17	15	25	0	0	1
Feb 26, 2016	COLORADO	14-4	14	7	21	32	24	1	1-6	20	12	18	14	32	0	0	0
Feb 28, 2016	CALIFORNIA	21-2	21	16	37	31	25	1	3-6	15	20	15	15	19	0	0	0
Mar 05, 2016	Louisville	9-10	9	3	12	26	18	0	2-6	15	8	15	12	24	0	4	0
Mar 08, 2016	Virginia Tech	19-10	19	9	28	39	27	1	4-9	27	19	16	20	38	0	4	0
Mar 09, 2016	LIBERTY	25-2	25	10	35	48	37	1	7-11	24	22	7	11	10	0	1	0
Mar 13, 2016	PRINCETON	16-11	16	8	24	32	26	1	5-7	21	14	12	15	34	0	1	0
Mar 19, 2016	VIRGINIA	16-4	16	7	23	43	31	1	3-7	29	12	21	20	18	0	1	0
Mar 26, 2016	SYRACUSE	11-12	11	7	18	34	17	0	1-3	16	14	13	13	37	0	1	0
Mar 28, 2016	Marquette	17-9	17	9	26	35	27	1	4-12	25	15	12	13	32	0	1	0
Apr 03, 2016	North Carolina	8-14	8	2	10	21	16	0	2-3	19	10	20	11	48	0	6	0
Apr 10, 2016	Northwestern	12-17	12	9	21	26	20	0	1-2	20	11	15	12	35	0	3	0
Apr 16, 2016	DUKE	10-9	10	3	13	34	23	1	2-7	22	10	12	15	22	0	2	0
Apr 18, 2016	USC	4-5	4	3	7	20	14	0	1-5	19	5	17	15	31	0	1	0
Apr 23, 2016	Ohio State	17-9	17	7	24	33	25	1	4-6	22	12	14	15	30	0	2	0
Apr 28, 2016	Louisville	12-10	12	3	15	24	19	1	4-6	12	14	11	7	39	0	2	0
Apr 29, 2016	Syracuse	5-9	5	2	7	17	11	0	1-2	15	8	17	9	26	0	3	0
May 15, 2016	NORTHWESTERN	15-3	15	7	22	35	25	1	4-8	22	11	16	16	29	0	1	0
May 21, 2016	North Carolina	6-10	6	0	6	21	14	0	3-5	15	8	12	11	27	0	1	0
		282-168	282	139	421	656	474	14	58-125	420	264	310	294	605	0	40	1
Opponent			168	58	226	406	310	7	42-90	361	224	386	183	619	0	42	0

TEAM PER-GAME

Games played: 21

Shots per game: 31.24; Goals per game: 13.43

Assists per game: 6.62; Points per game: 20.05

Shot pct: .430; SOG pct: .723

Faceoff W-L pct: .000; Clear pct.: 0.793

Date	Opponent	Score	Minutes	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Save%	W	L	T	Faced
Feb 06, 2016	Jacksonville	18-5	60:00	5	5.00	5	.500	1	0	0	13
Feb 13, 2016	STANFORD	13-9	60:00	9	7.00	4	.308	1	0	0	15
Feb 21, 2016	BOSTON COLLEGE	14-4	60:00	4	6.00	13	.765	1	0	0	23
Feb 26, 2016	COLORADO	14-4	60:00	4	5.50	8	.667	1	0	0	13
Feb 28, 2016	CALIFORNIA	21-2	60:00	2	4.80	2	.500	1	0	0	10
Mar 05, 2016	Louisville	9-10	63:09	10	5.62	10	.500	0	1	0	28
Mar 08, 2016	Virginia Tech	19-10	60:00	10	6.24	0	.000	1	0	0	13
Mar 09, 2016	LIBERTY	25-2	60:00	2	5.71	1	.333	1	0	0	6
Mar 13, 2016	PRINCETON	16-11	60:00	11	6.30	7	.389	1	0	0	24
Mar 19, 2016	VIRGINIA	16-4	60:00	4	6.07	6	.600	1	0	0	12
Mar 26, 2016	SYRACUSE	11-12	60:00	12	6.60	9	.429	0	1	0	27
Mar 28, 2016	Marquette	17-9	60:00	9	6.80	8	.471	1	0	0	26
Apr 03, 2016	North Carolina	8-14	60:00	14	7.35	9	.391	0	1	0	28
Apr 10, 2016	Northwestern	12-17	60:00	17	8.04	4	.190	0	1	0	25
Apr 16, 2016	DUKE	10-9	61:55	9	8.09	7	.438	1	0	0	21
Apr 18, 2016	USC	4-5	60:00	5	7.90	9	.643	0	1	0	19
Apr 23, 2016	Ohio State	17-9	60:00	9	7.96	8	.471	1	0	0	26
Apr 28, 2016	Louisville	12-10	60:00	10	8.07	8	.444	1	0	0	22
Apr 29, 2016	Syracuse	5-9	60:00	9	8.12	9	.500	0	1	0	20
May 15, 2016	NORTHWESTERN	15-3	59:59	3	7.87	9	.750	1	0	0	16
May 21, 2016	North Carolina	6-10	60:00	10	7.97	6	.375	0	1	0	19
		282-168	1265:03	168	7.97	142	.458	14	7	0	406
Opponent			1265:03	282	7.97	192	.405	7	14	0	656

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Notre Dame Opponent Game-by-Game
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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Score	G	A	Pts	Sh	Sog	GW	fpg-fps	GB	DC	TO	CT	Fo	RC	YC	GC
Feb 06, 2016	Jacksonville	18-5	5	0	5	13	10	0	2-2	17	6	18	11	33	0	2	0
Feb 13, 2016	STANFORD	13-9	9	3	12	15	13	0	4-5	12	12	19	7	47	0	2	0
Feb 21, 2016	BOSTON COLLEGE	14-4	4	0	4	23	17	0	3-8	17	11	19	12	24	0	3	0
Feb 26, 2016	COLORADO	14-4	4	0	4	13	12	0	3-6	20	8	20	10	22	0	1	0
Feb 28, 2016	CALIFORNIA	21-2	2	0	2	10	4	0	1-1	15	4	18	9	27	0	0	0
Mar 05, 2016	Louisville	9-10	10	5	15	28	20	1	3-8	20	14	15	10	27	0	4	0
Mar 08, 2016	Virginia Tech	19-10	10	2	12	13	10	0	4-5	17	11	25	6	35	0	4	0
Mar 09, 2016	LIBERTY	25-2	2	1	3	6	3	0	0-0	9	6	19	3	29	0	2	0
Mar 13, 2016	PRINCETON	16-11	11	5	16	24	18	0	4-6	22	15	17	9	30	0	3	0
Mar 19, 2016	VIRGINIA	16-4	4	1	5	12	10	0	0-0	20	10	29	12	25	0	4	0
Mar 26, 2016	SYRACUSE	11-12	12	3	15	27	21	1	3-5	18	11	16	6	30	0	2	0
Mar 28, 2016	Marquette	17-9	9	4	13	26	17	0	1-5	17	13	18	6	37	0	0	0
Apr 03, 2016	North Carolina	8-14	14	8	22	28	23	1	1-2	24	14	17	12	20	0	1	0
Apr 10, 2016	Northwestern	12-17	17	5	22	25	21	1	4-5	16	20	21	9	38	0	3	0
Apr 16, 2016	DUKE	10-9	9	4	13	21	16	0	1-4	17	11	17	7	30	0	0	0
Apr 18, 2016	USC	4-5	5	2	7	19	14	1	1-3	19	6	19	12	18	0	0	0
Apr 23, 2016	Ohio State	17-9	9	4	13	26	17	0	0-4	15	15	20	7	23	0	1	0
Apr 28, 2016	Louisville	12-10	10	4	14	22	18	0	2-9	15	10	13	3	38	0	3	0
Apr 29, 2016	Syracuse	5-9	9	2	11	20	18	1	3-5	16	8	12	12	24	0	2	0
May 15, 2016	NORTHWESTERN	15-3	3	2	5	16	12	0	1-4	20	9	21	10	42	0	4	0
May 21, 2016	North Carolina	6-10	10	3	13	19	16	1	1-3	15	10	13	10	20	0	1	0
		168-282	168	58	226	406	310	7	42-90	361	224	386	183	619	0	42	0
Notre Dame			282	139	421	656	474	14	58-125	420	264	310	294	605	0	40	1

OPPONENT PER-GAME

Games played: 21

Shots per game: 19.33; Goals per game: 8.00

Assists per game: 2.76; Points per game: 10.76

Shot pct: .414; SOG pct: .764

Faceoff W-L pct: .000; Clear pct.: 0.793

Date	Opponent	Score	Minutes	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Save%	W	L	T	Faced
Feb 06, 2016	Jacksonville	18-5	60:00	18	18.00	13	.419	0	1	0	40
Feb 13, 2016	STANFORD	13-9	60:00	13	15.50	11	.458	0	1	0	37
Feb 21, 2016	BOSTON COLLEGE	14-4	60:00	14	15.00	6	.300	0	1	0	28
Feb 26, 2016	COLORADO	14-4	60:00	14	14.75	10	.417	0	1	0	32
Feb 28, 2016	CALIFORNIA	21-2	60:00	21	16.00	4	.160	0	1	0	31
Mar 05, 2016	Louisville	9-10	63:09	9	14.70	9	.500	1	0	0	26
Mar 08, 2016	Virginia Tech	19-10	60:00	19	15.31	8	.296	0	1	0	39
Mar 09, 2016	LIBERTY	25-2	60:00	25	16.52	12	.324	0	1	0	48
Mar 13, 2016	PRINCETON	16-11	60:00	16	16.46	10	.385	0	1	0	32
Mar 19, 2016	VIRGINIA	16-4	60:00	16	16.41	15	.484	0	1	0	43
Mar 26, 2016	SYRACUSE	11-12	60:00	11	15.92	6	.353	1	0	0	34
Mar 28, 2016	Marquette	17-9	60:00	17	16.01	10	.370	0	1	0	35
Apr 03, 2016	North Carolina	8-14	60:00	8	15.40	8	.500	1	0	0	21
Apr 10, 2016	Northwestern	12-17	60:00	12	15.16	8	.400	1	0	0	26
Apr 16, 2016	DUKE	10-9	61:55	10	14.78	13	.565	0	1	0	34
Apr 18, 2016	USC	4-5	60:00	4	14.11	10	.714	1	0	0	20
Apr 23, 2016	Ohio State	17-9	60:00	17	14.28	8	.320	0	1	0	33
Apr 28, 2016	Louisville	12-10	60:00	12	14.16	7	.368	0	1	0	24
Apr 29, 2016	Syracuse	5-9	60:00	5	13.68	6	.545	1	0	0	17
May 15, 2016	NORTHWESTERN	15-3	59:59	15	13.74	10	.400	0	1	0	35
May 21, 2016	North Carolina	6-10	60:00	6	13.37	8	.571	1	0	0	21
		168-282	1265:03	282	13.37	192	.405	7	14	0	656
Notre Dame			1265:03	168	13.37	142	.458	14	7	0	406

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Date	Opponent	Score	Goals	Assists	Shots	On Goal	GB	T/O	Faceoff	Clears
Feb 06	Jacksonville	18-5	18/5	15/0	40/13	31/10	23/17	18/18	0/0	17-18/12-21
Feb 13	STANFORD	13-9	13/9	3/3	37/15	24/13	18/12	12/19	0/0	16-19/17-17
Feb 21	BOSTON COLLEGE	14-4	14/4	9/0	28/23	20/17	21/17	17/19	0/0	16-20/12-14
Feb 26	COLORADO	14-4	14/4	7/0	32/13	24/12	20/20	18/20	0/0	13-16/14-20
Feb 28	CALIFORNIA	21-2	21/2	16/0	31/10	25/4	15/15	15/18	0/0	7-11/9-16
Mar 05	Louisville	9-10	9/10	3/5	26/28	18/20	15/20	15/15	0/0	10-13/9-10
Mar 08	Virginia Tech	19-10	19/10	9/2	39/13	27/10	27/17	16/25	0/0	15-18/10-13
Mar 09	LIBERTY	25-2	25/2	10/1	48/6	37/3	24/9	7/19	0/0	13-14/9-12
Mar 13	PRINCETON	16-11	16/11	8/5	32/24	26/18	21/22	12/17	0/0	13-17/12-14
Mar 19	VIRGINIA	16-4	16/4	7/1	43/12	31/10	29/20	21/29	0/0	21-23/17-24
Mar 26	SYRACUSE	11-12	11/12	7/3	34/27	17/21	16/18	13/16	0/0	9-13/14-17
Mar 28	Marquette	17-9	17/9	9/4	35/26	27/17	25/17	12/18	0/0	17-22/19-22
Apr 03	North Carolina	8-14	8/14	2/8	21/28	16/23	19/24	20/17	0/0	15-18/14-18
Apr 10	Northwestern	12-17	12/17	9/5	26/25	20/21	20/16	15/21	0/0	10-20/15-16
Apr 16	DUKE	10-9	10/9	3/4	34/21	23/16	22/17	12/17	0/0	16-19/15-19
Apr 18	USC	4-5	4/5	3/2	20/19	14/14	19/19	17/19	0/0	13-15/15-20
Apr 23	Ohio State	17-9	17/9	7/4	33/26	25/17	22/15	14/20	0/0	12-20/12-15
Apr 28	Louisville	12-10	12/10	3/4	24/22	19/18	12/15	11/13	0/0	10-10/14-15
Apr 29	Syracuse	5-9	5/9	2/2	17/20	11/18	15/16	17/12	0/0	9-12/13-16
May 15	NORTHWESTERN	15-3	15/3	7/2	35/16	25/12	22/20	16/21	0/0	13-19/9-16
May 21	North Carolina	6-10	6/10	0/3	21/19	14/16	15/15	12/13	0/0	14-15/17-17
		282-168	282/168	139/58	656/406	474/310	420/361	310/386	0/0	279-352/278-352

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

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Notre Dame - TEAM GAME HIGHS

POINTS	37	vs California (Feb 28)
	35	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
GOALS	25	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	21	vs California (Feb 28)
ASSISTS	16	vs California (Feb 28)
	15	at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
SHOTS	48	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	43	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
SHOT PERCENT	.677 (21-31)	vs California (Feb 28)
	.521 (25-48)	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
SHOTS ON GOAL	37	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	31	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	31	at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
ON GOAL PERCENT	.812 (26-32)	vs Princeton (Mar 13)
	.806 (25-31)	vs California (Feb 28)
SAVES	13	vs Boston College (Feb 21)
	10	at Louisville (Mar 05)
GROUND BALLS	29	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	27	at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
TURNOVERS	21	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	20	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
CAUSED TURNOVERS	20	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	20	at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)

Opponent - GAME HIGHS

POINTS	22	at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	22	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
GOALS	17	at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	14	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
ASSISTS	8	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	5	at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	5	vs Princeton (Mar 13)
	5	at Louisville (Mar 05)
SHOTS	28	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	28	at Louisville (Mar 05)
SHOT PERCENT	.769 (10-13)	at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
	.680 (17-25)	at Northwestern (Apr 10)
SHOTS ON GOAL	23	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	21	at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	21	vs Syracuse (Mar 26)
ON GOAL PERCENT	.923 (12-13)	vs Colorado (Feb 26)
	.900 (18-20)	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
SAVES	15	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	13	vs Duke (Apr 16)
	13	at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
GROUND BALLS	24	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	22	vs Princeton (Mar 13)
TURNOVERS	29	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	25	at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
CAUSED TURNOVERS	12	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
	12	vs USC (Apr 18)
	12	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	12	vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	12	vs Boston College (Feb 21)

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Notre Dame - GAME LOWS

POINTS	6	at North Carolina (May 21)
	7	vs USC (Apr 18)
	7	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
GOALS	4	vs USC (Apr 18)
	5	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
ASSISTS	0	at North Carolina (May 21)
	2	at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	2	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
SHOTS	17	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
	20	vs USC (Apr 18)
SHOTS ON GOAL	11	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
	14	vs USC (Apr 18)
	14	at North Carolina (May 21)
SAVES	0	at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
	1	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
GROUND BALLS	12	vs Louisville (Apr 28)
	15	vs California (Feb 28)
	15	at Louisville (Mar 05)
	15	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
	15	at North Carolina (May 21)
TURNOVERS	7	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	11	vs Louisville (Apr 28)
CAUSED TURNOVERS	7	vs Louisville (Apr 28)
	9	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)

Opponent - GAME LOWS

POINTS	2	vs California (Feb 28)
	3	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
GOALS	2	vs California (Feb 28)
	2	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
ASSISTS	0	at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
	0	vs Boston College (Feb 21)
	0	vs Colorado (Feb 26)
	0	vs California (Feb 28)
SHOTS	6	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	10	vs California (Feb 28)
SHOTS ON GOAL	3	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	4	vs California (Feb 28)
SAVES	4	vs California (Feb 28)
	6	vs Boston College (Feb 21)
	6	vs Syracuse (Mar 26)
	6	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
GROUND BALLS	9	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	12	vs Stanford (Feb 13)
TURNOVERS	12	vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
	13	vs Louisville (Apr 28)
	13	at North Carolina (May 21)
CAUSED TURNOVERS	3	vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	3	vs Louisville (Apr 28)

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Notre Dame - INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

POINTS	8	Cortney Fortunato vs California (Feb 28)
	8	Cortney Fortunato at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
GOALS	5	Cortney Fortunato at Ohio State (Apr 23)
	5	Cortney Fortunato at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	5	Casey Pearsall vs Syracuse (Mar 26)
	5	Cortney Fortunato vs LIBERTY (Mar 09)
	5	Rachel Sexton vs California (Feb 28)
	5	Cortney Fortunato vs Boston College (Feb 21)
ASSISTS	5	Cortney Fortunato vs California (Feb 28)
	4	Kiera McMullan vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	4	Cortney Fortunato at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
	4	Cortney Fortunato at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
SHOTS	14	Cortney Fortunato vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	12	Casey Pearsall vs Syracuse (Mar 26)
SHOTS ON GOAL	8	Cortney Fortunato vs Northwestern (May 15)
	8	Cortney Fortunato at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	8	Casey Pearsall vs Syracuse (Mar 26)
	8	Cortney Fortunato vs Virginia (Mar 19)
SAVES	13	Samantha Giacalone vs Boston College (Feb 21)
	10	Samantha Giacalone at Louisville (Mar 05)
GROUND BALLS	6	Brie Custis vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	5	Samantha Giacalone at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	5	Barbara Sullivan at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	5	Barbara Sullivan at Marquette (Mar 28)
	5	Stephanie Peragallo at Marquette (Mar 28)
	5	Samantha Giacalone vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	5	Casey Pearsall at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
DRAW CONTROLS	6	Barbara Sullivan vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	6	Casey Pearsall at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
	6	Barbara Sullivan vs Stanford (Feb 13)
CAUSED TURNOVER	7	Barbara Sullivan vs Princeton (Mar 13)
	7	Barbara Sullivan vs Stanford (Feb 13)

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Notre Dame - OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

POINTS	6	Hompe, Olivia vs Princeton (Mar 13)
	5	Lasota, Selena at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	5	Esposito, Christina at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	5	Sammy Jo Tracy at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	5	Kaylin Morissette at Louisville (Mar 05)
	5	Murray, Kelsey vs Stanford (Feb 13)
GOALS	5	Lasota, Selena at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	5	Murray, Kelsey vs Stanford (Feb 13)
ASSISTS	3	Sammy Jo Tracy at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	3	Ela Hazar at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	3	Kaylin Morissette at Louisville (Mar 05)
SHOTS	10	Kaylin Morissette at Louisville (Mar 05)
	8	Hompe, Olivia vs Princeton (Mar 13)
SHOTS ON GOAL	6	Carly Reed at North Carolina (May 21)
	6	Craig, Kaleigh vs Northwestern (May 15)
	6	Kelli Gerding vs Louisville (Apr 28)
	6	Michael, Michaela vs USC (Apr 18)
	6	Hompe, Olivia vs Princeton (Mar 13)
	6	Hannah Koloski at Louisville (Mar 05)
SAVES	15	Rachel Vander Kolk vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	13	Kelsey Duryea vs Duke (Apr 16)
	13	KEARNS, Kaylyn at Jacksonville (Feb 06)
GROUND BALLS	6	Marie McCool at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	5	Maddie Crutchfield vs Duke (Apr 16)
	5	Kelsey Allen at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
	5	Hannah Sieger at Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
	5	Moore, Marie vs Colorado (Feb 26)
DRAW CONTROLS	12	Fredericks, Shelby at Northwestern (Apr 10)
	9	Kaylin Morissette at Louisville (Mar 05)
CAUSED TURNOVER	6	Tarleton, Courtney vs USC (Apr 18)
	4	Kelly Devlin at North Carolina (May 21)
	4	Mallory Vehar vs Syracuse (Apr 29)
	4	Marie McCool at North Carolina (Apr 03)
	4	Mary Alati vs Virginia (Mar 19)
	4	Stephanie McNamara at Louisville (Mar 05)