

Post Game Notes  
Notre Dame vs. Toledo  
April 27, 2010

- With the win, Notre Dame extended its winning streak over Toledo to 18 games, the longest active streak for the Irish against any opponent. The second longest active winning streak is 14 games over Hillsdale College (the Irish have never lost to the Chargers), whom the Irish have faced just twice since 1972. The Irish and Rockets have now squared off in each of the last 11 seasons and in 17 of the past 19 campaigns.
- Senior Ryan Connolly (Binghamton, N.Y.) doubled in the first inning, giving him six hits in his last six at bats, and walked in the second (scoring both times) to extend his streak of consecutive plate appearances reaching base to seven. (Connolly would strike out looking on a borderline 3-2 pitch in the fourth to end both streaks.) The last Irish player to have a 6-for-6 stretch was Danny Dressman on March 12 and 14 of 2007 (against Webber International and Dayton); Dressman also mixed in a pair of walks to reach base in eight straight plate appearances. A.J. Pollock also reached base in eight consecutive plate appearances in 2007 (April 21 and 22 versus West Virginia), collecting five hits and three walks. Research is still pending on the last Irish player to notch a base hit in six consecutive plate appearances.
- Connolly is now batting .692 (9-for-13) over his last three games with five runs scored.
- Senior Casey Martin (Chesterton, Ind.) recorded another multi-hit game, his eighth in his last 11 games.
- Notre Dame recorded its first shutout since April 18, 2009 against West Virginia (3-0), in the second game of a doubleheader at Frank Eck Stadium. Senior Eric Maust (Alpharetta, Ga.) hurled a five-hit shutout in that contest. The Irish blanked Toledo for the first time since May 3, 1969 (1-0).
- Junior Ryan Sharpley (Marshall, Mich.) tied the longest bullpen outing of his career with 3.1 shutout innings against Toledo. Sharpley has now tossed 6.1 consecutive scoreless innings over his past three outings, striking out eight over that stretch.
- Sophomore Joe Spano (Verona, N.J.) fanned five Toledo batters, a career-high. He threw just 17 pitches to those five hitters, as three of the five went down on three pitches. The 3.0 scoreless innings marked the longest scoreless outing of Spano's career.
- The shutout means that Notre Dame's streak of not allowing a home run extends to 11 games and 439 batters.
- The Rockets committed six errors in the game and four in the eighth inning alone; Toledo actually nearly committed six in the inning, as on a ground ball to first, shortstop Jared Hoying had to dive to catch the first baseman's throw at second base, but he managed to keep his foot on the bag, and on Casey Martin's single to right, right fielder Dan Sherwood fumbled the ball but Mills elected to stay at second instead of trying to advance to third on the play.
- The six errors were the most for a Notre Dame opponent since St. John's committed six in the first game of a doubleheader on April 13, 2006. Two days earlier, Oakland had seven errors against the Irish. The 23-game winning streak has been appearing a lot lately, as those two games were the 15<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> wins of the streak, respectively.
- Senior David Mills (Battle Creek, Mich.) and freshman Frank DeSico (Cleveland, Ohio) each went 1-for-5 in the game and neither struck out; Mills has now gone 79 consecutive plate appearances without striking out, while DeSico has fanned just once in his last 79 trips.
- The 12 strikeouts by the Notre Dame pitching staff in the game were the most since April 28, 2009, when the Irish punched out 12 against UIC in a 10-5 loss. The Irish last had more strikeouts on March 24 of last season (13 in a 14-8 win over Central Michigan).
- Notre Dame held its opponent without an extra base hit for the third time this season, also doing so in the second game of the doubleheader with Michigan State on March 20 and in the win at Stetson on March 7.