



# The Coaches

**Eleventh-year Irish head coach Paul Mainieri - pictured with 2002 graduate Ken Meyer - has guided the Notre Dame baseball program to a spot among the nation's elite programs.**

Notre Dame's Paul Mainieri – now in his 11th season as head coach for one of the nation's elite college baseball programs – couldn't help but get a little nostalgic as the calendar turned from 2004 to 2005.

The previous spring had seen his 10th Notre Dame team continue the program's record-setting ascension and the ensuing fall of 2004 then included the first-ever reunion of Mainieri's former players. A spirited turnout at that event helped to pay tribute to the players – and their coach – who had combined to rack up 450 wins during the previous 10 seasons.

Shortly after the calendar flipped to 2005, Mainieri was honored with a 25-year coaching certificate at the American Baseball Coaches Association convention and was voted as the ABCA's chair of the Division I Baseball Coaches. Three weeks later, he returned to his hometown of Miami to be honored at Christopher Columbus High School with the Explorer Diamond Award – a prestigious honor recognizing alumni for postgraduate accomplishments.

### The Mainieri File

**Hire Date:** Aug. 25, 1994

**Career:** 781-451-2 (.634, 22 seasons)

**At ND:** 450-172-1 (.723, 10 seasons)

**Birthdate:** Aug. 29, 1957

**Hometown:** Miami, Florida

**Education:**

**1980** – B.S. in physical education from Florida International University

**1982** – M.S. in sports administration from St. Thomas (Fla.) Univ.

**Married** to the former Karen Fejes

**Children:** Nicholas (21), Alexandra (20), Samantha (18) and Thomas (10)

**Coaching Awards**

**ABCA Midwest Region**

**Coach of the Year** – 2001, 2002

**BIG EAST Coach of the Year** – 2001

**College Baseball Insider**

**National Coach of the Year** – 2000

**Milestone Victories**

• **Win No. 1:** Jan. 29, 1983  
St. Thomas 20, Fla. Memorial 5

• **Win No. 100:** March 6, 1986  
St. Thomas 19, Navy 8

• **Win No. 200:** April 19, 1989  
Air Force 13, Regis 6

• **Win No. 300:** April 24, 1993  
Air Force 15, Utah 7

• **Win No. 400:** April 19, 1996  
Notre Dame 7, Purdue 2

• **Win No. 500:** Feb. 26, 1999  
Notre Dame 14, New Orleans 11

• **Win No. 600:** March 17, 2001  
Notre Dame 7, Portland 6

• **Win No. 700:** March 29, 2003  
Notre Dame 13, Georgetown 3



**Paul Mainieri**

**Head Coach**

**23rd Year Overall**

**11th Year at Notre Dame**

The energetic coach who once was touted among the nation's top young coaches steadily has evolved into a respected elder statesman. Yet he insists that his excitement and drive for directing the Irish baseball program is as strong as ever.

"The time has flown by and it's been a great ride," says Mainieri, whose past five Irish teams have combined for the nation's second-best winning percentage during the 2000s (.752, 241-79-1).

"When you look at the caliber of kids we've had in this program, you reflect back on the recruiting process. You remember winning various championships. And certainly, you look at how they all have enjoyed such great success in their life after Notre Dame – that just makes it all worthwhile to you as a coach."

Mainieri's first 10 seasons with the Irish are divided by a clear turning point for the program. Every so often in the world of college baseball, a team takes on the personality of its coach – and such a relationship was readily evident at the 2000 NCAA Baseball Regional in Starkville, Miss., It was then that Mainieri's squad fashioned a five-game performance that earned it a permanent place in the storied history of Mississippi State's Dudy Noble Field – a performance that seemingly launched Notre Dame on to its historic seasons in 2001-04.

That link between coach and team was further evident in 2002, when Mainieri – one of the nation's most well-respected coaches – steered an injury-depleted squad that regrouped from its 9-10 start and advanced all the way to the

College World Series, the program's first trip to the CWS in 45 years.

The 47-year-old Mainieri – who in 2002 became the nation's only coach to repeat as one of eight ABCA regional coaches of the year – has continued the program's standard of excellence in his first 10 seasons, with: seven conference titles, seven trips to the NCAAs, 450 victories, 40 players who have been drafted or signed free-agent contracts, and 14 selected in the first 10 rounds of the Major League Draft – with his Irish players also combining for 12 All-America and nine Academic All-America seasons. Mainieri's squads have extended the program's string of consecutive seasons with 40-plus wins to 16 – the nation's third-longest active streak.

In addition to on-field success, Mainieri's Notre Dame teams have combined for a 100-percent graduation rate (59 of 59), among players who completed their eligibility (the 11 who signed professionally after their junior year have returned to complete or near completion of their degree requirements). Notre Dame is the only Division I baseball program to produce Academic All-Americans in each of the past five years, with two so honored every season from '00-'03. The current squad combined for a 3.07 team GPA in the 2004 fall semester, led by 17 players with a 3.0-plus and seven at 3.4-plus.

Two of Mainieri's former Notre Dame assistant coaches – Brian O'Connor (at Virginia) and Cory Mee (Toledo) – were named Division I coaches within weeks of one another, during the summer of 2003.



Paul Mainieri – pictured with All-American Steve Stanley – has seen 40 of his Notre Dame players be drafted or signed as free agents, including 31 selected to the Major League draft and 16 picked in the first 10 rounds.



In nine seasons of BIG EAST play, the Irish have won more league games (157-54, .744) than any other team in the conference, which has sent five different teams to the NCAAs since 1999.

Mainieri, who spent the previous six years as head coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy, is entering his 23rd year of coaching on the collegiate level, with an overall record of 781-451-2 (.634). He ranks second on the Notre Dame baseball career coaching wins list (450-172-1/.723), behind Hall of Famer Jake Kline (558, '34-'75).

Following the historic 2001 season, Mainieri signed a new multi-year contract to continue as head coach of the Notre Dame baseball program.

Mainieri's '01 and '02 teams combined for a 99-31-1 record, the nation's third-most wins in that span. The 2003 team then became the first to repeat as BIG EAST Tournament champions since 1986, in a 45-18 season that included the program's fifth straight trip to the NCAAs. The '03 team featured an unprecedented three All-Americans: junior second baseman Steve Sollmann, sophomore righthander Chris Niesel and senior closer J.P. Gagne.

His 2004 team then turned in the historic 51-12 record that helped give Notre Dame the second-best winning percentage (.752, 241-79-1) in Division I baseball during the decade of the 2000s. Five players from the '04 squad were snapped up in the MLB draft, including four in the first 10 rounds (no previous ND team had produced more than two top-10-round picks).

(Note: see pp. 68-69 for detailed highlights on the Mainieri era.)

Mainieri's 40 Notre Dame players who have been drafted or signed as free agents include 31 selected in the Major League draft (14 in first 10 rounds).

The hard work put into the recruiting process by Mainieri and his staff has yielded impressive results, with highly-regarded prospects and diamonds in the rough comprising the recent incoming classes – highlighted by the nation's top-ranked freshman class in 2002 and the No. 7-rated class for the prospective 2006 freshmen.

Notre Dame was one of just four schools from 1998-2001 that produced two pitchers – Brad Lidge ('98, Houston Astros) and Aaron Heilman Heilman ('02, New York Mets) – who were drafted in the first round, with both players advancing to the Major Leagues. Mainieri and his staff consistently have molded players into top prospects, as Lidge was just a 42nd-round pick out of high school while Heilman was a 54th-round pick.

Five other recent Irish players developed into high draft picks despite going undrafted as preps, including pitchers Tim Kalita (7th round in '99), Danny Tamayo (10th round, '01) and Gagne (13th round, '03), shortstop Alec Porzel (13th round, '01) and Stanley (2nd round, '02) – with Tamayo, Porzel, Stanley and Gagne joining Heilman as four of the highest-drafted seniors in Irish history.

All told in the Mainieri era, eight of 10 Irish players who were drafted out of high school have gone on to be drafted in a higher round at Notre Dame while 19 who were undrafted as preps went on to be drafted as members of the Irish program.

Three of Mainieri's former Notre Dame players – Lidge, Heilman and Christian Parker (New York Yankees) have pitched in the Major Leagues, with Lidge emerging as one of the game's elite closers in 2004.

Mainieri – presented with a surprise honorary monogram from the Notre Dame National Monogram Club, at the end of the 2002 fall CWS ring and flag-raising ceremony – oversaw the introduction of season tickets for 2002 games at Eck Stadium, attracting nearly 1,000 season-ticket holders. A showdown with Arizona State drew in 2,900 fans, setting an Eck Stadium record. The 99-win stretch through 2001 and '02 came on the heels of the galvanizing end to the 2000 campaign, sparked by Mainieri's spirited leadership.

Irish fans should have known they were about to witness a landmark effort, thanks to an ominous – yet painful – sign during batting practice prior to the opener vs. Tulane. Mainieri was throwing BP when he was stung by a line drive on the right side of his chest. Mainieri dropped to the ground and quickly was attended to by athletic trainer Mike Bean. Moments later, he hopped back up and resumed throwing. Mainieri ended up not missing a single moment due to the injury, later diagnosed as broken ribs. He often could be seen rubbing the sore area but never abandoned his leadership role. The Irish fell in line with the gritty leadership of their coach and won over large portions of the massive crowds.

Notre Dame's second night of action included weathering a tornado-induced delay and a 6-1 deficit to beat Tulane in an elimination game that stretched into early morning. The Irish returned hours later the shock the host Bulldogs, 7-0, setting up a classic tie game that was won by the hosts on a ninth-inning home run (10-9). Hundreds of Mississippi State fans rushed to greet the Notre Dame players, praising them for a memorable effort.

Mainieri and his staff went on to develop a veteran core that paid big dividends in 2001, after which an unprecedented six Irish players were selected in the 2001 Major League draft. The season included the program's first No. 1 national ranking, a team-record victory total (49-13-1), a 22-4 conference record (most wins in BIG EAST history) and NCAA regional action at Eck Stadium for the second time in three years.

A former Chicago White Sox farmhand, Mainieri was the first civilian baseball coach at Air Force and averaged 26 wins in six seasons ('89-'94) for a program that averaged 15 wins in the six previous years. He is the only Air Force baseball coach to post six straight 20-win seasons and his '94 squad led the nation in hitting (.360), slugging (.623) and triples (0.76 per game).

The son of legendary Miami-Dade North Community College coach Demie Mainieri guided the '93 Air Force team to its first winning season in nearly a decade (23-22), with a school-record 21 wins at home. He coached three All-Americans, two freshman All-Americans and two Academic All-Americans with the Falcons.



The Mainieri family: Thomas (front) and (clockwise, from back left) Karen, Samantha, Nicholas, Alexandra and Paul.

Mainieri coached six seasons at St. Thomas (Fla.) University where – in 1983 at the age of 24 – he took over a program that had yet to post a winning season. Mainieri led St. Thomas to four seasons that ended with the team ranked in the final NCAA Division II poll. The '84 Sunshine State Conference coach of the year, his teams averaged 30 wins per season (after an average of just 18 wins in the six previous years).

Fifteen of Mainieri's St. Thomas players entered pro baseball while three – Joe Klink, Dane Johnson (Chicago White Sox, '94) and Dan Rohrmeier (Seattle Mariners, '97) – have appeared on Major League rosters. Klink played with the '87 Minnesota Twins and '89 Oakland A's World Series championship teams, also pitching with the Florida Marlins in '94.

Mainieri's career began at his alma mater Columbus High School in Miami, where he served as assistant baseball and football coach for three years before taking over at St. Thomas in the fall of 1982. He also spent the final three years at St. Thomas as director of athletics.

A four-year letterwinner in college, Mainieri played one season at LSU, one for his father at Miami-Dade and two at the University of New Orleans. A second baseman, he helped the Privateers win two Sun Belt Conference titles and advance to the 1979 NCAA tournament during his senior season. After completing his undergraduate degree requirements at Florida International ('80), Mainieri played two minor-league seasons before earning a master's in sports administration from St. Thomas in 1982.

Born Aug. 29, 1957, in Morgantown, W.Va., he and wife Karen have four children: Nicholas (21) – a junior catcher on the 2005 Irish squad – Alexandra (20, currently a sophomore at Ball State), Samantha (18) and Notre Dame's spirited batboy Thomas (10, born two days before Mainieri accepted the position at Notre Dame).



**Notre Dame Baseball  
Mainieri Era Highlights ('95-'04)**

**1995** (40-21) – Team won Midwestern Collegiate Conference Western Division title, led by the nation's triples leader Scott Sollmann (.406 batting) and All-America outfielder Ryan Topham.

**1996** (44-18) – Irish advanced to BIG EAST title game and earned NCAA berth while eight were drafted or signed as free-agents, led by pitcher Christian Parker (4th round, Montreal Expos) and Sollmann (7th-rd, Detroit Tigers).

**1997** (41-19) – Potent BIG EAST runner-up squad tied Irish record for team batting average (.334) while setting ND records for home runs (66) and strikeouts thrown (399).

**1998** (41-17) – The Irish swept BIG EAST player (infielder Brant Ust) and pitcher (Brad Lidge) of the year while Ust and freshman closer Aaron Heilman (NCAA-best 1.61 ERA) were All-Americans. Ust and four-time all-BIG EAST DH Jeff Wagner ('99) powered another HR record (73).

**1999** (43-18) – Team cracked national rankings and again set strikeout record (478). Notre Dame rolled to BIG EAST regular-season title (20-5) and also registered beat eventual national champ Miami (1-0), one strike shy of handing Hurricanes first no-hit loss since '58. The Irish played host to festive NCAA Regional action and Paul Mainieri was named national coach of the year by College Baseball Insider. Ust (6th round) and LHP Tim Kalita (7th) went on to be selected by the Tigers in the MLB draft.

**2000** (46-18) – The Irish capped the season with the landmark experience at the NCAA Starkville Regional, nearly advancing past the host Bulldogs. Heilman picked up BIG EAST pitcher-of-the-year honors while the Irish turned in one of the top all-around seasons (hitting, pitching and defense) in the program's history.



Paul Mainieri and his Notre Dame staff have seen several of their players – including (from left) Aaron Heilman, Brian Stavisky and Steve Stanley – develop into some of the nation's top professional prospects.

**2001** (49-13-1) – Irish rose to No. 1 national ranking in midseason, won BIG EAST regular-season title (22-4) and set team record for wins in a season. Heilman (the draft's 18th pick, N.Y. Mets) had a rare fourth All-America season while combining with Danny Tamayo as potent 1-2 punch (3.66 staff ERA) that helped establish several team records (2.9 staff K-to-walk ratio).

**2002** (50-18) – College World Series season was fitting tribute to senior class that won nearly 188 games in four-year career. The Irish repeated as regular-season champ and won their first BIG EAST Tournament title en route to another record win total. The NCAA's featured by a record-setting 25-1 win over regional top seed South Alabama. Notre Dame then ended Florida State's 25-game win streak en route to claiming that Super Regional series. Senior centerfielder Steve Stanley repeated as an All-American and (like Heilman in '01) was a player-of-the-year finalist. Pitcher Grant Johnson went on to earn a spot on

the 2002 USA National Team, following in the footsteps of Ust ('98) and Heilman ('99).

**2003** (45-18) – The Irish coped with the loss of the talented '02 senior class and injuries to several top players, turning in another top season (first BIG EAST Tournament repeat champ since '86) while witnessing the emergence of new leaders. Second baseman Steve Sollmann turned in his third of four all-BIG EAST seasons and completed the rare double of earning All-America and Academic All-America honors.

**2004** (51-12) – Team again rose above key injuries en route to compiling record win total for third time in four years. Four players – Johnson (2nd round, Cubs), 3B Matt Macri (5th, Rockies), RHP Chris Niesel (9th, Indians) and Sollmann (10th, Brewers) – were selected early in the MLB draft while Notre Dame became the first team ever to win three straight BIG EAST titles (also see assistant coach bios on pp. 71-73 for additional 2004 highlights).

**Mainieri's Coaching Record**

Yr.	School	Record	Pct.	Notes/Honors
'83	St. Thomas Univ. (Fla.)	19-25-1	.445	
'84	St. Thomas Univ. (Fla.)	37-14	.725	Ranked top 10 Div. II, school record for wins, Sunshine State Conference Coach of Year
'85	St. Thomas Univ. (Fla.)	32-21	.604	Ranked top 10 Division II
'86	St. Thomas Univ. (Fla.)	23-24	.489	
'87	St. Thomas Univ. (Fla.)	35-21	.625	Ranked top 10 Division II, led nation with .340 team batting average
'88	St. Thomas Univ. (Fla.)	33-16	.673	Ranked top 10 Division II

**6-year St. Thomas Totals 179-121-1 .598 Winningest coach in St. Thomas history**

Yr.	School	Record	Pct.	Notes/Honors
'89	U.S. Air Force Academy	27-27	.500	Set school record for Western Athletic Conference wins (13)
'90	U.S. Air Force Academy	26-34	.433	
'91	U.S. Air Force Academy	22-27	.449	
'92	U.S. Air Force Academy	23-24	.489	
'93	U.S. Air Force Academy	28-22	.560	Team led nation in triples, second-most wins in team history, best AFA record since '82
'94	U.S. Air Force Academy	26-24	.520	Team led nation with .360 batting average

**6-year Air Force Totals 152-158 .490 Second-winningest coach in Air Force history**

Yr.	School	Record	Pct.	Notes/Honors
'95	Notre Dame	40-21	.656	Midwestern Collegiate Conf. Western Div. champs, most wins by first-year ND coach
'96	Notre Dame	44-18	.710	Participated in NCAA South I Regional (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)
'97	Notre Dame	41-19	.683	BIG EAST National Division champions, top winning percentage (15-6) in BIG EAST
'98	Notre Dame	41-17	.707	Notre Dame's 10th straight 40-win season; Irish finish 12th in nation for team ERA
'99	Notre Dame	43-18	.705	National Coach of the Year (CBI); BIG EAST regular-season champ (20-5); NCAA host
'00	Notre Dame	46-18	.719	Reached title game of NCAA Starkville Regional; fourth-most wins in school history
'01	Notre Dame	49-13-1	.786	BIG EAST/Mideast Region Coach of Year; #1 ranking; BIG EAST champs; NCAA Host
'02	Notre Dame	50-18	.735	Mideast Region Coach of Year; BIG EAST champs; College World Series participant
'03	Notre Dame	45-18	.714	First BIG EAST Tournament repeat champion since 1986; NCAA Regional participant
'04	Notre Dame	51-12	.809	Set ND record for wins; first team ever to win 3 straight BIG EAST title; NCAA Regional participant

**10-year ND Totals 450-172-1 .723 Has seen 40 of his ND players be drafted or sign professional free-agent contracts**

**22-Year Head Coaching Record: 781-451-2 (.634) 15-Year Division I Coaching Totals: 602-330-1 (.646)**



**The Mainieri Era ('95-'04)  
By The Numbers**

- 231** ND-record scoring streak ('99-'02)
- 147** Active scoring streak
- 100%** Team graduation rate
- 73** Record-setting 1997 home run total
- 51** Record-setting 2004 victory total
- 45.0** Average victories per season
- 40** Players who moved on to pro ball
- 36** Different home states
- 25-1** NCAA win over South Alabama ('02)
- 22-4** Record-setting BIG EAST mark in '01
- 18** Consecutive BIG EAST wins ('01)
- 17** Players with 3.0-plus GPA (fall '04)
- 14** Players drafted in first 10 rounds
- 10** Consecutive 40-win seasons (16 straight for program)
- 5** Consecutive preseason top-20
- 4** NCAA Regionals at Eck Stadium
- 2** First-round draft picks
- 1** Recruit class ranking ('02 season)
- 1** College World Series team ('02)
- 1** National ranking in 2001 season

**Mainieri's Mentors**

Notre Dame head baseball coach Paul Mainieri grew up around the game of baseball on a daily basis and, as the son of a Hall of Fame coach, had the good fortune to be exposed to several outstanding coaches.

Mainieri cites three primary influences in his development as a coach, headed by his father Demie Mainieri, who coached Miami-Dade North Community College to 1,018 wins and a national title in his 30-year career.

"My father laid the foundation for identifying the correct reasons to enter into the coaching profession," says Mainieri.

"Despite his success that he may have encountered, my father emphasized to me that a coach was a teacher first and foremost. Watching how he made such a positive impact on young people's

lives was the greatest factor for me wanting to follow in his footsteps."

Mainieri spent his final two seasons as an infielder at the University of New Orleans, where he had the good fortune of playing for current UNO athletic director Ron Maestri. "Coach Maestri showed me how a high intensity level and work ethic can translate into success," recalls Mainieri, whose 2002 squad will open at in the Ron Maestri/UNO Classic.

"He used to do the little things—like drag the field and go into the community to raise support — and his charisma resulted in the construction of a beautiful ballpark for our team," says Mainieri.

"He pushed his team hard but would do anything for his players, and his players were very loyal to him. Coach Maestri also relayed to me the importance of recruiting the best athletes — meaning shortstops — and we had six or seven high school shortstops in our everyday lineup."

During his early days in coaching, Mainieri had the chance to meet former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda and has maintained a friendship with one of the game's greatest ambassadors.

"Tommy has advised me in so many areas, it's hard to specify any areas of emphasis," says Mainieri of Lasorda, who spoke at the Notre Dame pep rally prior to the 2001 Tennessee football game and served as the keynote speaker at the Notre Dame baseball team's "Opening Night Dinner" on Feb. 18, 2002. "I think from him I really realized how important it is to bring joy to the ballpark every day. The players definitely follow your lead as the coach and the enthusiasm you show for your job will rub off on them."

Mainieri readily credits his success to the guidance of those three Hall of Famers. "To this day, I still regularly call each of these men to ask for their advice," he says. "I think it's safe to say I've learned from the best!"



**Paul and Demie Mainieri**

**Mainieri vs. Opponents (at Notre Dame, prior to 2005)**

Air Force .....2-0	<b>Florida A&amp;M .....0-0</b>	Missouri .....1-1	South Florida .....0-1
Akron .....1-0	Florida Atlantic .....2-0	Navy .....3-0-1	<b>USC .....2-1</b>
Alabama .....1-1	Florida International .....1-6	Nebraska .....1-1	Southern Illinois .....7-2
Arizona .....2-1	Florida Memorial .....1-0	Nevada .....1-0	<b>Southwest Missouri State .....0-0</b>
Arizona State .....1-2	Florida State .....3-1	New Mexico .....1-0	<b>(Southwest) Texas State .....2-1</b>
Arkansas .....1-0	Fresno State .....1-0	New Orleans .....2-5	Stanford .....0-2
Arkansas-Little Rock .....1-0	George Washington .....1-0	Newman .....1-0	Stetson .....0-1
Army .....2-0	<b>Georgetown .....23-1</b>	North Carolina State .....0-1	Texas .....0-1
Ball State .....2-3	Georgia .....1-0	North Florida .....1-1	<b>Texas A&amp;M .....0-0</b>
Baylor .....0-2	Georgia Tech .....0-2	<b>Northern Illinois .....3-2</b>	Texas Christian .....0-1
<b>Boston College .....19-6</b>	Hillsdale .....2-0	Northeastern Illinois .....6-2	Texas-Pan American .....4-4
<b>Bowling Green .....9-1</b>	Illinois .....4-1	Northwestern .....1-3	<b>Texas-San Antonio .....2-2</b>
Butler .....7-0	Illinois-Chicago .....4-1	<b>Oakland (MI) .....8-0</b>	Texas Tech .....1-0
BYU .....2-0	Indiana .....3-0	Ohio State .....2-1	<b>Toledo .....8-0</b>
UC Irvine .....1-0	IUPUI .....5-0	<b>Oral Roberts .....2-0</b>	Tulane .....2-0
UC Santa Barbara .....1-0	Indiana State .....1-1	University of the Pacific .....1-0	<b>Valparaiso .....10-1</b>
Cal State Fullerton .....0-4	Indiana Tech .....4-1	Penn State .....5-2	Vanderbilt .....1-0
<b>Central Florida .....2-0</b>	Indianapolis .....2-0	Pepperdine .....1-0	<b>Villanova .....20-5</b>
<b>Central Michigan .....6-3</b>	Iowa .....1-0	<b>Pittsburgh .....15-6</b>	Virginia .....1-1
Chicago .....1-0	IPFW .....2-0	Portland .....1-0	Virginia Tech .....6-6
<b>Chicago State .....10-1</b>	Jacksonville .....0-1	Providence .....7-2	Wake Forest .....2-0
Christian Brothers .....1-0	James Madison .....1-0	<b>Purdue .....6-2</b>	Washington .....1-1
<b>Cincinnati .....3-0</b>	Kent State .....1-1	<b>Rice .....1-0</b>	Washington State .....1-0
<b>Cleveland State .....4-1</b>	Lewis and Clark State .....1-0	Rochester .....1-0	<b>West Virginia .....19-10</b>
<b>Connecticut .....14-6</b>	Long Beach State .....1-1	<b>Rutgers .....20-12</b>	<b>Western Michigan .....6-2</b>
Creighton .....8-2	Loyola (LA) .....1-0	Sacred Heart .....1-0	Winthrop .....1-0
Dallas .....1-0	Manchester .....4-0	<b>St. John's .....16-7</b>	Wisconsin-Milwaukee .....7-2
<b>Dayton .....2-0</b>	Memphis .....1-1	St. Mary's (TX) .....1-0	Wright State .....1-2
Detroit .....8-0	Miami (FL) .....2-6	St. Norbert's .....2-0	Xavier .....1-0
Duke .....0-1	Miami (OH) .....1-0	Sam Houston State .....1-0	Yale .....0-1
Duquesne .....4-0	<b>Michigan .....7-4</b>	San Diego State .....1-0	
Eastern Illinois .....4-0	Michigan State .....0-1	<b>Seton Hall .....19-7</b>	
Eastern Michigan .....1-1	Minnesota .....1-2	Siena Heights .....2-0	
<b>Evansville .....1-0</b>	Mississippi .....0-1	South Alabama .....1-0	
Fairfield .....1-0	Mississippi State .....4-1	<b>South Dakota State .....0-0</b>	

\*Records at Notre Dame  
2005 opponents in **bold**



## What They've Said About Paul Mainieri

"Notre Dame has become one of the top five programs in the country and it's almost hard to believe what the Irish have accomplished over the past 10 years. The players who go there get better, on the field and off the field, and there's not a finer mold of young men than Paul Mainieri. He's one of the ultimate winners in college baseball.

"Notre Dame is professional baseball's dream program. When you come to see Notre Dame play as a scout or front-office person, you're going to get the right kind of player, the kind who run the balls out and play hard all the time. And you don't find that very often. Notre Dame is now loaded with prospects and that's a credit to Paul and his staff."

**Jim Hendry**

*Chicago Cubs General Manager*

"Coach Mainieri knows the game but he knows his players even better. He knows how to manage players extremely well – knowing who he has to push harder and who he needs to give space, always getting the best out of his players. His door was always open and he was willing to listen to whatever was on your mind – all while treating everyone with the respect they deserved and caring about the person and his life, not just the player."

**Aaron Heilman**

*member of New York Mets  
Notre Dame pitcher ('98-'01)*

"Coach Mainieri is the most influential coach I've played for and the compassion he has for players helps instill a desire to play the game. He truly motivates you to want to out there and play your best every day. That deep devotion to his players has carried on after graduation and we all have become part of the family that is Notre Dame baseball.

"I also can say that everything he told me when he was recruiting me as a high school player was 100-percent true. He was honest and genuine in every way.

"As much as he is kind and compassionate off the field, on the field he's an intense competitor who hates to lose. And he has the deep respect of his players because they know how much he cares. They want to do all they can to help fulfill his dream of winning a national championship.

"Coach Mainieri made it possible for me to be the best possible player I could be. If I went anywhere else, I would not have fulfilled my destiny. He was the springboard that allowed me to fulfill my dream of playing professional baseball."

**Steve Stanley**

*member of  
Oakland A's organization  
Notre Dame centerfielder  
( '99-'02)*

"I've always felt that happiness comes from within and from knowing that you're doing something worthwhile. And Paul Mainieri truly loves being the coach at Notre Dame. It's a perfect fit between a classy school and a classy coach. I've been around a lot of teams in my day, on a lot of levels, and none carries itself like those young men from Notre Dame. And that's a tribute to both their parents and their head coach."

**Tommy Lasorda**

*Baseball Hall-of-Fame Manager*

"As a baseball guy, coach Mainieri is one of the top coaches in the country. He and his staff do a great job in developing players and you know what you're going to get when you draft a Notre Dame player: someone who works hard and who challenges himself. And that's all a reflection of Paul. He was the first guy I called when I started scouting this area."

**Rich Sparks**

*Midwest Scouting Supervisor  
Oakland Athletics*



Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri was presented with a commemorative collage, following his 700th career victory as a collegiate baseball head coach. The original artwork (courtesy of Lighthouse Imaging in South Bend) is included above, with photos ranging from Mainieri's days as batboy for his father's team through his coaching tenures at St. Thomas (Fla.), Air Force and Notre Dame.





## David Grewe

Assistant Coach

Recruiting Coordinator

Third Year

University of Dayton '98

### The Grewe File

**Birthdate:** Feb. 26, 1976

**Hometown:** Royal Oak, Michigan

**Education:**

- 1998 - B.A. in sports management (University of Dayton)

**Playing Career:**

University of Dayton (1995-98)

**Coaching Career:**

- University of Notre Dame Assistant Coach (2003- present)
- Central Michigan University Assistant Coach (2001-02)
- University of Chicago Assistant Coach (1999-2000)

Notre Dame third-year assistant coach David Grewe quickly has established himself as one of the nation's top recruiting coordinators while also molding success stories at the catcher position and serving as the architect of the potent Irish offense.

Grewe - who served in similar capacities at Central Michigan and the University of Chicago - has played a lead role in attracting three straight recruiting classes that have been ranked among the best in the nation. Most recently, the group who will begin their Notre Dame careers in the spring of 2006 were ranked by Team One Baseball as the nation's 7th-best recruiting class. On an individual basis, Grewe helped sign current sophomore righthanded pitcher Jeff Manship - rated as college baseball's No. 3 incoming freshman prior to the 2004 season.

In addition to his stellar recruiting record, Grewe has made a lasting impact as an instructor of the game. His knowledge of advanced hitting mechanics and catching fundamentals paid big dividends in a 2004 season that saw Notre Dame roll to a team-record 51 victories.

Grewe's star defensive pupil with the record-setting '04 squad was catcher Javi Sanchez, a converted infielder with no catching experience prior to the '02 fall season. First-day lessons were confined to the most basic of details - even how to simply put on the catcher's gear - but Sanchez steadily progressed, defensively and offensively, under Grewe's watchful eye. His late-season surge as a junior included MVP honors at the BIG EAST Tournament and a spot on the NCAA Fullerton Regional all-tournament team. By the time the 2004 season rolled around, Sanchez had become a polished catcher with the refined defensive skills and clutch-hitting ability that prompted the Minnesota Twins to select him in the 14th round of the '04 Major League draft.

Sanchez was just one of several '04 players whose success stories are linked to Grewe's effective style of instruction. Third baseman Matt Macri had failed to live up to his tremendous pre-college hype in his first two seasons with the Irish but that all changed in an All-America junior season that saw Macri's reworked hitting approach place him among the national and BIG EAST leaders in multiple categories. He became just the third Notre Dame player - and first in 15 years - to reach 80 hits and 40 walks in the same season while racking up a 1.174 "OPS" (combined on-base and slugging percentage) that rates among the best in the program's history.

Other players on the '04 team - namely outfielder Craig Cooper, shortstop Greg Lopez and DH Matt Bransfield - showed huge jumps in their production after a second year of instruction from Grewe. The hard-swinging Cooper became the first player ever to lead the BIG EAST in conference batting average (.370), slugging and on-base in the same season while combining with

Bransfield (24 RBI) and Macri (7 HR) for a Notre Dame sweep of the BIG EAST triple-crown titles.

The 2004 Notre Dame offense produced a 49-point jump in the team's slugging pct. from 2003 (.430 to .479) while finishing with a .407 on-base pct. (up from .383 in '03) that ranks fourth in Notre Dame history and best in the 10-year Paul Mainieri era. The Irish also ranked 19th on the NCAA scoring charts with 7.8 runs per game in '04, good for fourth in the ND record book (just two Irish teams since the late 1950s have scored at a higher clip). More than half of the '04 team's record-setting 51 wins (26) came by a margin of 5-plus runs, including eight in which the Irish posted a double-digit cushion.

The '04 team's rejuvenated power included an unprecedented four players with 10-plus home runs, yielding a home run total that more than doubled from '03 (31 to 69, four shy of the team record). Grewe also challenged the '04 hitters to display greater plate discipline and they responded with a +23 margin of walks (275) plus hit-by-pitch (106, 5th in NCAA history) minus strikeouts (358) - well above the '03 squad (-61).

The '04 offense's quick-strike ability came to fruition down the stretch, plating first-inning runs in 12 of the final 17 games. The full force was on display in the series finale at Connecticut, when Notre Dame erupted for 10 hits (3 home runs) and 10 runs before the hosts had even stepped into the batters box. All nine starters fashioned hit streaks of seven-plus games in '04 - led by a 13-game tear from former walk-on outfielder Steve Andres (two others had double-digit hit streaks, plus four with 9-game streaks).

Grewe's 2003 hitters finished on a high note, batting an all-time best .361 as a team in the BIG EAST Tournament followed by 17 hits in the NCAA opening win over Arizona.

Grewe was the hitting and infielders/catchers coach at Central Michigan in the '01 and '02 season. The Chippewas set the team scoring record in '01 while posting the second-most hits and third-most home runs in CMU history. He also tutored a 2001 group of infielders that set the team record for double plays, coached five CMU players who went on to professional baseball and served as director of Central Michigan's popular winter baseball camps.

During two previous seasons ('99-'00) as an assistant at the University of Chicago, Grewe guided a 2000 Maroons offense that ranked 19th in the nation for batting average and set six teams records.

Grewe also served as an intern and then administrative assistant with the American Baseball Coaches Association (beginning in Dec., 2001), under the tutelage of executive director Dave Keilitz, with his responsibilities including web-page maintenance.

At the age of 21 and still in college, Grewe was an assistant with the '96 Motor City Pride sum-

mer team that posted a 29-7 record while seeing 94-percent of its players go on to play college ball. He also has gained experience as an instructor at 22 different baseball camps throughout the nation and has served as a personal hitting instructor for various youth levels.

Grewe earned three baseball letters at the University of Dayton from 1995-98, playing third base, first base and catcher. He started at third base on the '96 team that set the Dayton record for wins (including an upset of eventual NCAA champ LSU) before helping the 1998 Flyers post the program's first winning season since '79, batting .324 while ranking among the team leaders in five of 11 categories during that '98 season.

The Royal Oak, Mich., native graduated from Dayton in 1998 as a sports management major, with a double minor in marketing and public relations. He served as a graduate teaching assistant at Central Michigan while studying towards a masters degree in athletic administration.



Terry Rooney arrived at Notre Dame in the fall of 2003 with a proven track record as one of the nation's top pitching coaches and recruiters – and with one Notre Dame season and two more recruiting classes under his belt, he has continued his rise as one of the nation's most accomplished young assistant coaches.

Rooney's primary role with the Irish centers on instructing the program's highly-regarded pitching staff while combining with third-year Notre Dame assistant and recruiting coordinator David Grewe in all aspects of the recruiting process. His previous eight seasons as a Division I assistant include serving as pitching coach with four other programs – George Washington, James Madison, Old Dominion and Stetson – in addition to holding recruiting coordinator responsibilities in four of those seasons.

The 31-year-old native of Fairfax County, Va., spent the '02 and '03 seasons at Stetson, with the Hatters ranked in the national top 25 for much of the 2003 season before knocking off Georgia Tech in the NCAA Regionals.

Rooney's recruiting skills and guidance as a pitching coach have combined to yield several noteworthy success stories. In each of the previous seven seasons, at least one of his former pitchers has gone on to sign a professional contract despite not being drafted out of high school. All told, 12 of his former pitchers have been MLB draft picks, with six selected in the first 10 rounds.

Two pitchers recruited and signed by Rooney – James Madison's Dan Meyer ('03 supplemental-round pick, 34th overall, Atlanta Braves) and Old Dominion ace Justin Verlander (1st-rounder in '04, Detroit Tigers) – have been selected before the second round in the past two Major League drafts.

He recently worked with a pair of talented righthanders on Notre Dame's 2004 staff, with Grant Johnson going on to be the 2nd-round selection of the Chicago Cubs while Chris Niesel was the Cleveland Indians' 9th-round pick – the first time two pitchers from the same Notre Dame staff ever had been selected in the first 10 rounds.

Rooney has been involved in seven recruiting classes that have been ranked among the national leaders, including Notre Dame's prospective group of 2006 freshmen that were rated as the nation's 7th-best recruiting class for '06 (per Team One Baseball).

Upon his arrival, Rooney set about educating the Irish pitchers on the concept of "offensive pitching" that focuses on aspects that the staff can control – being mechanically-sound, working to advantage counts, high first-pitch strike percentages and controlling the running game.

The Notre Dame pitchers quickly bought in to Rooney's defined plan, yielding a 3.43 ERA that ranked 9th in the nation and maintained the program's string of five straight seasons among the nation's top-20 ERA leaders (matched only by Texas and Rice). An emphasis on limiting free passes yielded just 162 walks allowed by the '04 staff (down from 200 in '03), for an average of 2.63 walks per nine innings that ranks second in the ND record book behind the '01 staff (2.48) led by senior stars Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo.

Rooney's 2004 staff also posted the program's second-best strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.69, trailing only the 2.92 in '01) while the .248 opponent batting average ranks fifth-best by an Irish staff since the wood-bat days of the early 1970s.



## Terry Rooney

Assistant Coach

Second Year

Radford University '96

The impressive numbers posted by the '04 staff reflected the strong performances by a diverse group of pitchers who were molded by Rooney to maximize their individual strengths. He helped nurture Johnson's return from 2003 season-ending shoulder surgery while overseeing the transformation of lefthander Tom Thornton from a serviceable midweek starter ('03) into a big-game pitcher during the '04 season.

Rooney also started working with two-sport standout Jeff Samardzija in early 2004 and helped shape the wide receiver into a Freshman All-American who finished second on the BIG EAST's ERA charts.

The program's 112 previous seasons never had seen multiple pitchers log 28-plus appearances but Rooney's debut season featured three – senior lefthander Joe Thaman, hard-throwing freshman Dan Kapala and 7-foot-1 closer Ryan Doherty – who each logged 28-30 games. That three-pronged relief led the way for a 2004 bullpen that owned a 2.97 ERA, a .225 opponent batting avg. and nearly a 3-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Thaman had not pitched since high school (he was the Irish first baseman in the '01-'04 seasons) but Rooney quickly transformed him into a reliable lefthanded bullpen presence. Kapala arrived as a raw – but highly promising – prospect and soon was progressing at a rate faster than any previous pitcher coached by Rooney. And Doherty tackled his first season ever as a closer with dominating efficiency, earning All-America honors while threatening a number of longstanding Notre Dame records.

Rooney's leadership of the staff also was evident in the fact that Notre Dame had to overcome the absence of three injured standouts – junior John Axford and freshmen Jeff Manship and Derik Olvey – while also coping with Johnson's gradual return to full-strength. The Irish ranked among the national ERA leaders all season and peaked in the final month, posting shutouts in the final four series openers of the regular season while compiling impressive numbers (1.92 staff ERA, .230 opp. batting, 3-to-1 K-to-walk ratio) over an 11-game span that included series vs. top teams Rutgers, Virginia Tech and Central Florida, plus the ever-challenging BIG EAST Tournament.

Rooney's two years at Stetson (the last as both pitching coach and recruiting coordinator) included a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances and 40-win seasons, with four of his pitchers earning all-conference honors. The 2003 staff posted a 4.43 season ERA and 2-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio (391/191). The season highlight came in NCAA Regional action at Georgia Tech, when Adam Blair's 10 strikeouts helped knock off the 7th-ranked Yellow Jackets (4-3). A team-record five Stetson players were selected in the 2003 MLB draft, including two pitchers. The '02 Stetson



pitching staff racked up 422 strikeouts and was led by 12-game winner Roger Lincoln.

During his two seasons at Old Dominion ('00-'01), ODU made a trip to the NCAAs, as a No. 2 regional seed in 2000. He assembled a recruiting class for the '01 season that was nationally-ranked and four of the pitchers that he coached at ODU went on to pro baseball. Most notably among that recruiting class is Verlander, who starred with the 2003 USA National Team.

His two seasons at James Madison ('98-'99) included a pair of nationally-ranked recruiting classes, with Rooney first assuming the role of pitching coach/recruiting coordinator in '99. Two of his JMU pitchers later were drafted in the first 10 rounds, despite not being drafted out of high school – with six of the '99 JMU freshmen going on to sign pro contracts (three drafted in rounds 1-5).

Rooney's coaching career began in 1997 at George Washington, after completing his playing career at Radford (Va.) University. His experience in top wood-bat summer leagues includes serving as head coach for the Waynesboro (Va.) Generals squad that won the '98 Valley League title, in addition to being an assistant with Valley League champion Staunton in '96 and with the Cape Cod League's '97 Cotuit Kettlers. He also has served as a baseball clinic instructor and authored a video produced by Championship Books and Videos, entitled "30 Minutes to Better Pitching: A Championship Workout."

A 1996 Radford graduate with a degree in social science, Rooney ranks second in Radford history with 79 appearances and posed an 8-2 career record. He played one season at Davis & Elkins (W.Va.) College, compiling a 4-2 record.





**John Gumpf**  
 Volunteer  
 Assistant Coach  
 Second Year  
 Cal State San Bernadino '97

Second-year volunteer assistant coach John Gumpf already has made a distinctive impact on the Notre Dame baseball program while coaching the group of talented outfielders and overseeing various administrative tasks, including the program's growing offering of baseball camps and the popular Opening Night Dinner.

The presence of the spirited Gumpf provides an added level of coaching while lending the experiences of a former professional player and top draft prospect.

Gumpf - who is married to Notre Dame head softball coach Deanna Gumpf - was a volunteer assistant coach with the Irish softball team from '98-'01. He interrupted his coaching career in 2001, coinciding with the birth of the couple's son Brady and with Deanna's promotion to head coaching, while remaining an instructor at the Notre Dame Baseball Summer Camps.

One of the nation's top-ranked prospects as a senior outfielder at nationally-ranked Riverside (Calif.) Poly High School, Gumpf was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the second round of the 1989 Major League draft. He played four minor-league seasons and went on to play two seasons of college football as an all-conference middle linebacker at Riverside Community College ('93-'94), later serving as an assistant coach with the Riverside Poly baseball ('94-'97) and football ('95) teams and RCC football ('96, '97).

Notre Dame's outfield defense - led by a group of four juniors - has shown key signs of improvement during Gumpf's involvement. Cody Rizzo has emerged as one of the nation's top defensive

rightfielders while his classmate Craig Cooper has elevated his all-around defense to earn the 2005 preseason nod in center field. Former prep catcher Steve Andres also has made big strides in left field while the fourth member of the class, Alex Nettey, has emerged as a defensive whiz capable of regular highlight-reel plays.

Gumpf graduated from Cal State San Bernadino in 1997, with a degree in kiniseology, and then came to South Bend in early 1998, when his future wife (the former Deanna Mays) accepted the top assistant's position with the Notre Dame softball program. During his four seasons as a member of the softball coaching staff, the Irish made three NCAA appearances and fashioned a 2001 season that included a No. 8 national ranking and 54-7 record. He helped mold outfielders Lizzy Lemire and Jenny Kriech into All-America performers, with Lemire earning a spot on the U.S. National Team.

Gumpf played in his pro career with the Sarasota Twins (Gulf Coast League), the Appalachian League's Elizabethan (Tenn.) Twins, the Midwest League's Kenosha (Wis.) Twins and the Ft. Myers Miracle (Florida State League).

His prep baseball career included all-league honors as a senior, after leading his junior-year team to a No. 7 national ranking. He also was an all-star linebacker with the RPHS football team.

Born July 5, 1971, in Riverside, Gumpf also has worked for Skyenet Internet Service during his time in South Bend. The Gumpfs were married in Riverside on Dec. 19, 1998, and welcomed Brady to their family on Sept. 19, 2001.

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- Tim McNeill ..... '75
- Jeff Jeffers ..... '76
- Joseph (Ray) Lentych ..... '77-'88
- Larry Gallo..... '79-'80\*
- Brian Gallaway ..... '88
- Jeff Nate..... '89
- Fred Petersen ..... '89

- Mike Gibbons ..... '89-'92
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- Hap Durkin ..... '94\*
- Brian O'Connor ..... '95-'03
- Todd Marazita ..... '95\*
- Dusty Lepper ..... '00-'02
- Wally Widelski ..... '01-'03\*
- David Grewe..... '03-**
- Terry Rooney ..... '04-**
- John Gumpf ..... '04-\***

\* - volunteer coach; # - freshman coach



Jeff Jeffers



Ray Lentych



Mike Gibbons



Future Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski - seen here receiving tips from former Irish assistant Jim Gibbons - attended Notre Dame in 1957-58 but pursued his pro career before he could join the Irish varsity.



Gary Tuck



Brian O'Connor



Cory Mee





**Mike Bean**

**Athletic Trainer  
Southwest Missouri '89**

Associate athletic trainer Mike Bean is in his 13th year overall with the Notre Dame training staff, following one season as an intern. Bean has worked with the Notre Dame baseball program since the early 1990s and also has spent most of his time at Notre Dame as one of the primary athletic trainers for the Irish football program.

A 1989 graduate of Southwest Missouri State with a degree in physical education, the Belle Fourche, S.D., native received his master's degree in physical education with an athletic training emphasis in 1990 from Western Michigan.

While obtaining his master's degree, Bean served as head athletic trainer at Kalamazoo College, worked as assistant trainer at the Southwestern Michigan Sports Medicine Clinic and also served as football trainer at Bangor High School in Bangor, Mich.

At Southwest Missouri State, he worked at the Southwest Missouri Regional Sports Medicine Clinic, where he worked primarily with baseball and volleyball as a student athletic trainer during his undergraduate years and also served as an assistant athletic trainer at Evangel College, located in Springfield, Mo.

Born Sept. 14, 1963, Bean also served as a student trainer while attending Black Hills State College in Spearfish, S.D.

Bean is married to the former Colleen Waldron of South Bend. The couple are the parents of two daughters, Taylor, 3, and Courtney, 1.



**Mike Joseph**

**Strength/Conditioning  
Fairmont State '99**

Mike Joseph is in his second season as the strength and conditioning coach for the Notre Dame baseball team. Joseph is involved with all facets of Notre Dame's strength and conditioning program and also works with the volleyball and track and field teams.

Prior to his arrival at Notre Dame, the Fairmont, W. Va., native served for two years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach and nutritional consultant at Eastern Michigan University, including working with the Bronco volleyball team, after being a graduate assistant at West Virginia.

Joseph earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in biology in 1999 from Fairmont State College, where he was a standout football player. He also received a master's degree in athletic coaching with an emphasis in sport movement and development from West Virginia in 2001. He owns his Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and Strength and Conditioning Coach (SCCC) certifications.



**Pete LaFleur**

**Sports Information  
Notre Dame '90**

Pete LaFleur is in his ninth year as an assistant sports information director at Notre Dame, also serving as the historical trophy-display archivist and publicist for Notre Dame's National Monogram Club letterwinners organization. He currently serves as the department's SID for the nationally-ranked baseball, women's soccer and fencing programs, in addition to serving as an action photographer at Notre Dame sporting events.

During his SID career, LaFleur has worked with 14 sports, made trips to the men's and women's College Cups (including Notre Dame's '04 national-title team) and the College World Series, and has overseen publicity for two national soccer player-of-the-year recipients and three first-round Major League draft picks. His media guides have been judged among the best in the nation, including second place for the 2002 and '03 women's soccer guides.

LaFleur spent 1995-96 as assistant sports information director at the University of Virginia, where he worked primarily with the nationally-ranked men's soccer and baseball teams. As assistant SID at the University of San Francisco from 1990-95, he worked with the baseball and men's golf teams and all the women's teams, also serving as an assistant venue press officer in preparation for 1994 World Cup matches played at Stanford University.

He graduated from Notre Dame in 1990 with a degree in the Program of Liberal Studies and earned a master's in sports and fitness management from San Francisco in 1994.

The Englewood, Colo., native was a student assistant in the Notre Dame SID office, working as a primary contact for the men's lacrosse team, and also wrote for The Observer student newspaper and The Scholastic student magazine. He was president of Holy Cross Hall during the dormitory's final year on campus.

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