



David Phelps #35

Sophomore • Righthanded Pitcher

Hazelwood, Missouri

Hazelwood H.S.

6-3 • 185 • Bats: Right

Academic All-America Candidate (3.36)

Surging sophomore pitcher who could be the surprise of the 2007 staff, as one of top candidates to fill a key starting role ... enters spring season with budding confidence, on the heels of a strong fall that saw him make steady progress week-to-week while working with Irish pitching coach Sherard Clinkscales ... reported for fall ball in excellent physical condition and highly focused on the task at hand ... his key strides during fall and winter workouts included consistently finishing off batters with his low-90s fastball and a breaking ball and change-up that both have been finetuned for efficiency ... expected to bring his bulldog mentality to the mound in 2007 season ... one of the hardest throwers on the team who can spot his explosive fastball with movement on both sides of the plate ... could emerge as an Academic All-America candidate, due to his 3.36 cumulative grade-point average that includes an impressive 3.50 in-season GPA during the 2006 spring term ... played for the Alaska League's Mat-Su Miners during the summer of 2006, going 3-2 in seven starts, with a 3.02 ERA and 36 strikeouts in 47.2 innings (also 23 walks, 32 hits allowed/1 home run, 3 hit batters, 2 wild pitches, a pair of complete games, a shutout and a save) ... has drawn game-1 starts for the Blue in each of the past two Blue-Gold Series (fall intrasquad), with no-decisions in both of those games (his career BGS stats

include a 6.48 ERA, 8.1 IP, 7 R/6 ER, 8 H, 5 BB, 7 Ks) ... started BGS opener in fall of 2005 (3.1 IP, 6 R/5 ER, 5 H, 4 BB, 2 Ks, HB, WP), with his Blue teammates rallying for 7-6 win and later taking the series ... had stronger outing in the 2006 series (5 IP, R, 3 H, BB, HB, 5 Ks) but the Gold won the 2-1 pitchers duel and went on to win the series ... his older brother Mike Phelps pitches in the Chicago Cubs organization ... joins former 1B/LHP Joe Thaman ('04; St. Louis) as recent Missouri natives to monogram with a Notre Dame baseball program that includes 14 all-time monogram winners from the show-me state.

AS A FRESHMAN:

Served primarily as a reliever while logging three starts among his 12 appearances ... his 26.2 innings tied for second-most among the four rookie pitchers, behind Freshman All-American Kyle Weiland's 49.1 ... won both of his decisions while posting a 7.09 ERA, better than a 2-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio (23/10) and a .280 opponent batting average (30 hits, none of them home runs) ... had a solid midseason stretch with a 1.15 ERA in span of six outings (15.2 IP) but his season also included inconsistency with his control and focus (5 hit batters, 2 wild pitches, 2 balks) ... owned the 3rd-best groundout-to-flyout ratio on the staff (1.5), also ranking 4th on staff in groundout rate (11.1 per 9 IP) and 5th with 7.8 Ks per 9 IP (18.9 of his outs per 9 IP came via ks or GOs) ... limited righthanded hitters to .237 batting avg. (4th on staff) ... allowed 3-of-4 inherited baserunners to score but limited the first batters faced in his outings to 2-for-8 batting (BB, R, 4 Ks) ... bad luck debut included three unearned runs charged to him in 10-inning loss to Memphis, in Millington, Tenn. (2 IP, 4 R, 4 H, HB, 3 Ks; 6-7) ... allowed just one run in 2-inning stint the next week versus potent Nebraska team, at the Metrodome (H, BB, HB, 2 Ks) ... pitcher of record in comeback win over 15th-ranked Texas A&M (5-4, in San Antonio), despite allowing 2-run single by first batter he faced (he then rolled up a groundout to end the 7th and the Irish pushed across four in the 8th for the final margin) ... had his first start later on spring break trip, in 10-8 loss to Iowa (2.1 IP, 4 R, 4 H, BB, HB, 2 Ks, WP, HB) ... recovered from rough start in his home debut (vs. Central Michigan; 3.2 IP, 7 R, 7 H, BB, HB, K, 2 BK; 11-9) by allowing just two runs over his next six outings and 15.2 innings (8 H, 6 BB, 14 Ks) ... tossed two



shutout innings in 12-0 win over Valparaiso (BB, 3 Ks, WP) and then had shutout frame in 10-4 win at South Florida (3 BB, K) ... won his final start in 8-2 win over Manchester, with season-high 7 Ks (7 IP, 4 H, BB, HB) ... allowed pair of runs in 11-8 loss to Bowling Green that ended team's record-setting 23-game winning streak (3.2 IP, 4 H, BB, K) ... added shutout innings to help beat Cleveland State (K; 12-1) and Louisville (K; 11-3) ... made final appearance of season in 14-12 win at Seton Hall (0.2 IP, 6 H, 5 H, BB, K).

PREP & PERSONAL:

Three-year regular at Hazelwood High School, compiling 2.96 career ERA, 14-4 record and 172 Ks in 109.2 innings (27 GP/17 GS, 9 CG, 6 SV 46 BB) ... his 9-inning career averages included 14.1 Ks and 3.8 walks (3.7 K-to-BB ratio) ... was listed by *Baseball America* as the top prospect in Missouri among 2005 prep seniors (#76 in nation) while Team One slotted him as the nation's #84 prospect (31st among RHPs) ... named all-state as senior team MVP (1.56, 6-2, 3 SV, 88 K, 19 BB, 54 IP, 5 CG, 11 GP/8 GS) ... set school record with 30-inning scoreless streak in 2005 (old record was 18) ... team captain, all-conference and all-metro performer in 2004 and '05 ... his '04 stats included 2.65 ERA and 59 Ks in 34.1 IP (4-2, 2 SV, 13 BB, 9 GP/5 GS, 3 CG) ... all-conference pitcher and outfielder in '03 (conference champs) and '04 ... logged 3.61 ERA and 25 Ks as sophomore in '03 (4-0, save, 14 BB, 21.1 IP, 7 GP/4 GS, CG) ... tossed 1-hitter in '04 vs. St. Charles and in '04 summer with Midwest Prospects, totaling 16 Ks versus Colorado-based Play Ball Sports team (at Omaha tournament) ... earned all-state honors with SLABA team in 8th and 10th grade, also playing in Perfect Game showcases as junior and senior ... invited to Area Code Games as a junior, in California with Chicago White Sox team ... his brother Mike Phelps was a pitcher at Central Missouri and a 2005 draft pick of the Chicago Cubs ... lettered twice in basketball at Hazelwood... an honor-roll student and member of National Honor Society ... born Oct. 9, 1986, in St. Louis ... full name is David Edward Phelps ... son of Alan and Sandy Phelps ... enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters, majoring in political science and computer applications.

Phelps' Career Stats

Year	G/GS/CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HB	BK	AVG	HR	WL	SV	ERA
2006	12/3/0	26.2	30	24	21	10	23	2	5	2	.280	0	2-0	0	7.09



Evan Sharpley #8

Sophomore • First Baseman

Marshall, Michigan

Marshall H.S.

6-2 • 210 • Bats: Left / Throws: Right

Two-sport talent who serves as corner infielder for the Irish baseball team and was backup to quarterback Brady Quinn on the 2006 Notre Dame football team ... tremendous athlete who could be key lefthanded power hitter on 2007 team (his 33 career home runs as a prep rank sixth in Michigan state history) ... packs plenty of talent into his 6-2, 210-pound frame ... could emerge as valuable hitter in the middle of the lineup ... could team with his younger brother Ryan Sharpley on 2008 Notre Dame baseball team ... the younger Sharpley - a righthanded pitcher who also could DH with the Irish - signed with Notre Dame in the fall of 2006 and has been rated among the nation's top-100 overall prospects for the 2007 high school senior class ... played alongside Notre Dame teammates Chris Soriano and John Seabaugh on Michiana Landsharks (of the Northern Indiana Wood Bat League) during the summer of 2006 ... one of 41 Michigan natives to monogram with the Notre Dame baseball program ... joins senior righthander Dan Kapala (Royal Oak/Shrine Catholic HS), freshman OF/LHP David Mills (Battle Creek/Lakeview HS) and freshman infielder Herman Petzold (St. Clair Shores/De LaSalle HS) in giving the Irish four Michigan natives on the same roster for the first time in recent memory ... he and Mills were teammates on the Mid-Michigan Tigers ... the program's other Michigan

natives have included All-America outfielders Eric Danapilis (St. Joseph; '93) and Ryan Topham (Portage; '05) ... recent Notre Dame baseball players to wear number 8 include home run recordholder (and football tight end) Frank Jacobs and All-America infielder Brant Ust ... several of his former teammates play for teams on Notre Dame's 2007 schedule: Bowling Green's Ryan Shay and Central Michigan's Jeff Richard and Scott Szyrka (all with Concealed Security Dodgers), CMU's Josh Collmenter (MM Tigers; Marshall-Battle Kids), Michigan's Zach Putnam (AABC Tournament of Stars) and Valparaiso's Brett Bivens (MMT) and Brian Rzepka (Landsharks) ... saw very limited action as Quinn's backup during 2006 Notre Dame football season, appearing in nine of 13 games with 21 minutes of playing (he completed 1-of-2 passes) ... played in 2006 games versus Penn State, Michigan, Stanford, Navy, North Carolina, Air Force, Army and LSU (in the Sugar Bowl) ... enters 2007 spring semester with 3.33 cumulative grade-point average that includes a 3.53 from the 2006 spring term.

AS A FRESHMAN: Split time with the Irish football team while appearing in 15 games with the baseball team (2 starts) ... batted .357 (5-for-14) with 4 RBI, 4 runs scored and 4 walks (2B, 2 HBP, 2 Ks) ... reached base 55 percent of the time ... made his debut at the Metrodome in game versus Nebraska (first base), also playing the next day versus the host team Minnesota ... walked and scored while playing first base in 16-2 win over Iowa (in San Antonio) ... drew first start

of season (at DH) later during that spring break trip, reaching on an early HBP before hitting RBI single for 8-4 lead on Iowa in the 6th (the Hawkeyes rallied for a 10-8 win) ... had an RBI double and walk while playing at first in 12-1 win over Cleveland State ... had pinch-hit at-bat versus his home-state team Michigan in annual Baseball Bash game (played in Grand Rapids; 3-1 loss) ... drew DH start in final regular season game, reaching base four times to help fuel 12-1 road win over Villanova (2-for-3, RBI, 2 R, BB, HBP) ... gained postseason experience as pinch hitter in BIG EAST Tournament loss to St. John's (hit; 1-10) and at Kentucky in NCAA Regional (BB, R, RBI; 4-10).

PREP & PERSONAL: Capped stellar multiple-sport career at Marshall High School by receiving prestigious Michigan Male Athlete of the Year Award (for '04-'05) from Detroit Athletic Club ... totaled 11 varsity letters (four in baseball and football, three in basketball) ... stand-out shortstop who compiled .459 career batting average at Marshall while hitting 33 career home runs,

sixth-most in Michigan high school history ... hit .488 with 10 HRs and 50 RBI while earning first team all-state honors as a senior (9 2B, 3 3B, 48 R, 34 BB, .633 on-base pct., 1.012 slugging pct., 31 GP) ... averaged a home run every 8.6 at-bats in '05 ... also went 6-2 on the mound in '05 (2.98 ERA, 53 Ks in 52 IP) ... a first team all-state performer in 2004 (.506, school-record 15 HR, 45 RBI) ... two-time participant in USA Baseball Tournament of Stars Showcase (Joplin, Mo.) that brings together nation's top-150 players ... played on AABC team that won 2004 championship ... member of Concealed Security Dodgers in summer of 2004 ... hit .400 in Perfect Game Wooden Bat World Championships (East Cobb, Ga.) ... attended Notre Dame Hitting Clinic (Jan. '04) ... became just the 10th Michigan prep quarterback to pass for more than 5,000 career yards (5,216; 11th in state history) and 50 TDs (61; 5th) ... rated nation's 17th-best prep quarterback, by Tom Lemming ... selected to play in U.S. Army All-American Game (dnp due to state rules) ... first team all-state quarterback as a senior (1,389 passing yards, 16 TDs) ... passed for 1,942 yards as a junior (19 TDs), 1,840 as a sophomore (26 TDs) ... served as a shooting guard on the Marshall basketball team ... his father Tom Sharpley played baseball at Spring Arbor ... great uncle Jim Ninowski was a quarterback at Michigan State and in the NFL ... born Nov. 4, 1986, in Pontiac, Mich. ... son of Nancy and Tom Sharpley ... full name is Evan Thomas Sharpley ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business.



Sharpley's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB-SBA	OB	SLG	AVG
2006	10/2	14	4	5	1	0	0	4	4	2	3	0/0	0-0	.550	.429	.357



Kyle Weiland #33

Sophomore • Righthanded Pitcher

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Eldorado H.S.

6-3 • 190 • Bats: Left

Preseason BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year ('07)

USA National Team Tryouts (2006)

First Team Freshman All-American (2006)

Second Team All-BIG EAST (2006)

Regarded as one of nation's top young pitchers, as one of 14 sophomores named to watch list for the Roger Clemens Award ... likely to open as Irish closer (he ranked 3rd nationally with 16 saves in in '06 but also has the talent to possibly find his way into the weekend rotation later in season ... combined with junior lefthander Wade Korpi to make Notre Dame one of just 13 teams with multiple players on Clemens watch list ... tabbed the BIG EAST preseason pitcher of the year by both the league coaches and *Baseball America* magazine (*Collegiate Baseball* picked Korpi) ... classic "gamer" who delivers in clutch, with effortless arm action on low-90s fastball and hard, biting breaking ball ... has outstanding poise and competitive moxy ... knows how to pitch within his abilities ... young leader of the staff, due to impressive 2006 accomplishments and work ethic ... uses lanky 6-foot-3, 190-pound frame for effective arm whip ... exciting pitcher who comes right at opposing hitters ... highly projectable talent who is rated by *Baseball America* as BIG EAST's 2nd-best prospect for 2008 Major League draft, behind ND classmate and hard-throwing lefthander Sam Elam ... has good arm strength and all-around athleticism ... one of 36 players invited to late-June tryouts for 2006 U.S. National Team (he was not among the 21-player final roster that includes just four RHPs) ... made three middle-relief appearances in that tryout phase, striking out five batters in 4.1 total innings (plus 5 runs allowed/3 earned, 6 hits and 4 walks) ... picked up save for the Red squad in a U.S. team scrimmage (1.0 IP, R, H, BB, 2 Ks) before pitching in games versus teams from the New England Collegiate

League: the Torrington (Conn.) Twisters (1.2 IP, 2 R/ER, 2 H, 2 BB, K; USA lost 7-2) and the Newport (R.I.) Gulls (1.2 IP, 2 R/ER, 3 H, BB, 2 Ks; U.S. won 8-3) ... two of the USA invitees - TCU pitcher Jake Arrieta and Rutgers shortstop Todd Frazier - play for teams on ND's 2007 schedule ... pitched sparingly with the Great Lakes League's Delaware (Ohio) Cows in the summer of '06 (2 GS, 0-1, 6 IP, 3 R, 7 H, 2 BB, 10 Ks) ... already ranks 4th in ND record book for career saves (16), trailing only John Corbin (20; '97-'00), Ryan Doherty (20; '03-'05) and J.P. Gagne (19; '00-'03) ... has totaled 10 career strikeouts and just a single walk in three career Blue-Gold Series fall intrasquad appearances (8 IP, 4 R, 8 H, 1 GS) ... had no-decision in his 2005 start for the Gold (5 IP, 4 R, 5 H, BB, 2 HB, 4 Ks; Blue won 6-4) ... helped Gold win the 2006 series, striking out the side to save game-1 (2-1) before closing 8-3 win in game-3 (2 IP, 3 H, 4 Ks) ... hails from same high school (Eldorado) as former ND standout Christian Parker ('95-'96), who pitched 10 years in pro ball ... third New Mexico native to monogram with ND baseball ... previous Irish players to wear 33 include All-America catcher Elmer Kohorst and Ron Reed (who later played in the major leagues and NBA) ... enters 2007 spring semester with 3.10 cumulative GPA (3.47 in spring of '06), as an anthropology major.

AS A FRESHMAN: One of 15 players named to *Baseball America's* elite first team Freshman All-America list for 2006 (one of 16 named first team by Rivals.com) ... also named to *Collegiate Baseball* magazine's Freshman All-America team while being one of 36 invited to official tryouts for USA Baseball National Team ... one of just six (two pitchers) who were BA and RR first team FAAs while also being named to CB team and receiving Team USA invite ... fourth ND player ever to be BA first team FAA and CB Freshman All-American ... named second team all-BIG EAST Conference ... finished 3rd in nation with 16 saves, behind Oregon State's Kevin Gunderson (20) and Don Czyn of Kansas (19) ... 13 innings shy of NCAA minimum for ERA leaders (his 2.37 would have ranked 36th) ... ranked 3rd in BIG EAST with 30 appearances (his ERA would have ranked 3rd, his .224 opp. batting avg. 5th) ... blew past ND freshman saves record (9, by Aaron Heilman in '98) and bested season record (13) set by J.P. Gagne in '03 ... his ERA ranked 25th in ND record book (min. 40 IP) ... finished one shy of Heilman's ND freshman record (31) for appearances (his 30 are 3rd-most overall in ND history) ... his .224 opp. batting avg. ranks 3rd-best ever by ND freshman (13th overall, since '91) ... 4th on staff in ERA and opp. batting, 5th in Ks (48) and innings (49.1) ... other stats included 2-4 record (6 wild pitches, 8 hit batters) ... 2nd on staff with 1.71 groundout/flyout ratio (58 GOs) ... allowed 9-of-16 inherited runners to score (56%) ... opposing batters reached 50% when leading off ... allowed .308 batting by first batters in his outings (8-for-26, 3 BB, HBP, 6 R, 7 Ks) but held all others to .210 (31-for-148) ... led staff

with lowly .183 opp. batting when runners were on base and .145 with 2-outs ... 9-inning averages: 8.8 Ks (3rd on staff), 3.6 BB, 7.1 H (3rd), 10.6 GOs, 39.0 batters faced ... averaged nearly 20 outs (19.4) per 9.0 IP via Ks or GOs ... limited RH hitters to .198 batting (2nd on staff; .276 by LH batters) ... impressive second half included 1.34 ERA and .208 opp. batting in final 20 GP (35 Ks/8 BB, 25 H/33.2 IP) ... only failed save came in series finale vs. St. John's, but Irish rallied (7-5) to give him win (2 IP, 2 R/1 ER, 4 H, BB, K, WP, 2 inher. runners scored) ... allowed costly early home run (pinch-hit blast in extra innings of loss to Memphis) but did not allow a long ball in final 28 GP (40 IP) ... his stats in BIG EAST games included a 2.14 ERA, 6 saves and .244 opp. batting (14 GP, 21.0 IP, 18 Ks, 9 BB, 19 H, 0 HR, 4 HB, 4 WP) ... signature outing came in NCAA Lexington Regional, logging season-high 7.0-plus innings before 5-4 loss to College of Charleston in 16 innings (R, 4 H, BB, 7 Ks, 9 GOs, 103 pitches/60 strikes, 1-for-9 batting with runners on, 0-for-8 with 2-outs) ... his clutch pitches in that game included 10th-inning K with runner on 3rd, 12th-inning K with runner on 2nd and groundout to end the 14th (runner on 3rd) ... other extended outing came in finale at UConn, logging 5.0 IP as game ended 1-1 after 13 innings due to travel curfew (0 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 7 Ks) ... picked up wins over St. John's (2.0 IP, 2 R/1 ER, 4 H, BB, K; 7-5) and IPFW (1.2 IP, K; 4-3) while top saves included shutout outings vs. #15 Texas A&M (2.0 IP, 4 BB, K; 5-4), Illinois (0.1 IP; 4-2), Central Michigan (2.0 IP, 2 H, 3 Ks; 11-9), Ball State (0.2 IP; 6-4), South Florida (1.0 IP, H, 2 Ks; 9-6), Rutgers (2.2 IP, 2 H, 4 Ks; 14-12), Purdue (1.0 IP, H; 2-1) and UConn (0.2 IP; 7-6) - plus pair of saves at BIG EAST Tournament vs. USF (1.1 IP, H, 2 Ks; 3-1 opener) and in 5-3 elimination game vs. SJU (2 IP, R, 3 H, BB, 3 Ks).

PREP & PERSONAL: All-state as senior at Eldorado High School (5.20, 4-1, 2 SV, 53 Ks, 35 IP) ... team MVP for '05 team that won conference and regional titles ... also played third base and hit .455 as senior (31 RBI, 8 HR, 8 2B) ... rated by *Baseball America* as New Mexico's top prep prospect in '05 (Team One Baseball rated him nation's #151 prospect, 47th among RHPs) ... hit two HRs in New Mexico north-south all-star game (also played in east-west game) ... went 6-2 as a junior (3.43, 48 Ks, 49 IP; hit 5 HR) ... had 11 Ks in 8-inning complete game ('04 district playoffs) ... went 8-1 with 1.66 ERA in '04 Summer Legion (33 Ks, 38 IP; hit .395, 6 HR) ... tossed no-hitter for '04 American Legion state champs ... selected for New Mexico showcases in '03-'05 and '04 Best of the West (at Loyola Marymount) ... received Academic Excellence Award ... nationally-ranked youth swimmer who swam 8th-fastest 50-meter butterfly time in U.S. history for his age (in '96) ... sister Crystal Weiland is varsity swimmer at New Mexico ... born Sept. 12, 1986, in Albuquerque, N.M. ... son of Bill and Mary Beth Weiland ... Kyle Edward Weiland ... an anthropology major, in the College of Arts and Letters.



Weiland's Career Stats

Year	G/GS/CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HB	BK	AVG	HR	WL	SV	ERA
2006	30/0/0	49.1	39	15	13	20	48	6	8	0	.224	1	2-4	16	2.37



Brayden Ashdown #12

Freshman • Outfielder
Tucson, Arizona

Catalina Foothills H.S.

6-1 • 175 • Bats/Throws: Right

Athletic newcomer who ranks among top candidates for open spot in left field ... one of team's top defensive outfielders, with quickness and good route running ... uses long, lean frame for short, compact swing that can produce stinging linedrives with gap-to-gap power ... made strides at the plate in 2006 fall season ... could continue to improve all-around game as he gains strength and experience ... went 0-for-7 in Blue-Gold fall intrasquad series (sac. bunt, 4 Ks, E, as member of Blue) ... could become third Arizona native to letter with Notre Dame baseball team ... Tucson native Mike Naumann (Salpointe Catholic HS) was a top lefthanded reliever for the Irish and earned 2001 Academic All-America honors ... inherited No. 12 jersey worn previously by third baseman Andrew Bushey (the 2002 College World Series team's third baseman) and several other top players, including Jim Gibbons, Shaun Fitzmaurice, Pat Pesavento, David Sinnes and Mike Amrhein ... had impressive first semester at Notre Dame, posting a 3.68 GPA in the 2006 fall term.



PREP & PERSONAL: Inducted into Catalina Foothills High School baseball hall of fame, where he was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter in center field (his .911 career fielding pct. is best in the

team's history) ... led Falcons to national rankings in the 2005 and '06 seasons ... ranks among CFHS career top-3 in runs (124), hits (110), and walks (74), also top-5 in career on-base pct. and triples ... captained team as a senior while being named defensive MVP, with his 2006 stats including a .329 batting avg., 29 runs and a .529 on-base pct. (also led CFHS pitching staff with 2.90 ERA and 12.2 Ks per 7 IP) ... named all-conference during each of final three seasons while helping team win four conference and regional titles ... leading member of two state runner-up teams (2004 and '05) ... named second team all-state, first team all-region and first team all-Southern Arizona as a junior, after batting .435 and setting team records with a .669 on-base pct. and 59 runs (also '05 team offensive MVP) ... hit .455 as 3-hole hitter for 2005 summer-league team ... named team all-conference as a sophomore (.341 batting, .520 on-base) ... shifted to leadoff position during summer season after his sophomore year, earning 2004 summer-team MVP honors after batting team-best .482 with 20 stolen bases ... invited to play with American Legion team at Tournament of Stars in Joplin, Mo. ... attended Notre Dame fall baseball camp in 2005 and '06 ... earned two varsity letters in football, as a wide receiver, defensive back and kicker ... an all-conference and all-city football player as a junior ... member of National Honor Society and a National Merit Scholar quarterfinalist ... awarded the Dr. Voie Stuart Chase Coy Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence five times (three in baseball, two in football) ... his grandfather Bill Farthing played football, basketball and baseball at Northwest College in Powell, Wyo. ... his father Boyd Ashdown and grandfather Laurence Ashdown played football at Southern Utah ... born April 14, 1988, in Salt Lake City, Utah ... son of Boyd and Kristin Ashdown ... full name is Brayden Boyd Ashdown ... enrolled in First Year of Studies ... intends to major in pre-professional studies.



Dylan Blake #34

Freshman • Infielder
Coon Rapids, Minnesota
Coon Rapids H.S.

6-4 • 200 • Bats/Throws: Right

Invited walk-on infielder who will compete for time on left side of infield and possibly at first base ... could develop into solid college player as he adds weight to sturdy 6-foot-4 frame ... hard worker who overcame wrist injury to finish with strong showing at the plate during final weeks of 2006 fall practice ... joins ND baseball program that has featured 21 monogram winners from Minnesota, including All-America catcher Elmer Kohorst (Albany HS; '55-'57) and All-America/ Academic All-America pitcher J.P. Gagne (Bloomington/Cretin-Derham Hall HS; '00-'03) ... inherits number-34 jersey worn previous three seasons by All-America pitcher Jeff Manship ... others who have worn 34 include multi-sport standout Kevin Hardy in the late-'60s and lefthanded pitcher Tony Livorsi in the early-'90s ... started at third base in game-1 of annual Blue-Gold fall intrasquad series, helping Gold post 2-1 opening win (0-for-1, HBP, K) ... his 3rd-inning plate appearance helped



forge 1-1 tie, as he was hit-by-pitch before Michael Wright's RBI single ... joined 18 of his teammates in posting grade-point average of 3.0-plus (3.47) in 2006 fall semester.

PREP & PERSONAL: Three-year letterwinner as leftside infielder and pitcher at Coon Rapids High School ... captained team to conference title as a senior, batting .526 with 30 RBI (HR) while going 8-0 with a 1.80 ERA ... team MVP and all-metro as a junior and senior (three times all-conference) ... hit .452 as a junior (25 RBI) while going 7-0 ... his 20-1 career record included 5-0 as a sophomore ... winning pitcher in state Legion tournament game versus Burnsville that sent his team to regionals ... played in Lions All-Star Game ... member of the National Honor Society, student senate and school paper ... born Nov. 17, 1987, in Fridley, Minn. ... son of Craig and Lauri Blake ... full name is Dylan Peter Blake ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in psychology and history.



Billy Boockford #17

Freshman • Outfielder

Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Glenbard West H.S.

6-2 • 195 • Bats/Throws: Right

Top candidate to start in right field, after steady all-around strides in fall season ... his strong arm could help replace 2006 graduate Cody Rizzo, another rightfielder who wore number 17 ... tremendous athlete who can hit for average with power and good baserunning for his size (6-2, 195) ... doubled to help Blue team win game-2 of annual fall intrasquad series (1-for-10 overall, 2 Ks) ... joins sophomore pitcher Brett Graffy (Homer Glen/Joliet Catholic) and freshman infielder Will Harford (Chicago/Notre Dame HS) as part of Notre Dame baseball's deep ties to Chicago area ... the program's all-time monogram winners include 145 Illinois natives, among them: 1964 All-America shortstop Rich Gonski (DeLaSalle HS), Academic All-America third baseman Rich Vanthournout (St. Charles HS) and late-'80s iron-man shortstop Pat Pesavento (Lockport/Joliet Catholic), plus crafty



lefthander and current big-leaguer Chris Michalak (Lemont/Joliet Catholic) ... could face Cangelosi Orioles summer-league teammate Tyson Blaser when Notre Dame plays Iowa in 2007 season.

PREP & PERSONAL: Three-sport standout who was named Glenbard West High School male athlete of the year for 2005-06, after setting team record with .565 batting avg. ... captained GWHS baseball, football and basketball teams ... all-state senior season as talented two-way player included 41 RBI, .902 slugging (6 HR, 3B, 11 2B), 32 runs and .637 on-base (16 BB, 12 Ks) in 32 games, plus 1.65 ERA, 54 Ks thrown, just 19 walks and 25 hits allowed (.167 opp. avg.) in 42.1 innings ... other '06 honors included all-area, all-West Suburban Conference, academic all-conference, *Glen Ellyn News* player of the year and team MVP (also on *Daily Herald's* list of top athletes of the year) ... played in Stevenson All-Star Game, Jack McQuin All-Star Game and Area Code Games ... all-conference/all-area junior season included batting .357 (4 HR, 4 3B) while pitching out of bullpen due to injury ... helped win regional titles in '03 and '05 ... beat eventual state champ Lockport in 2005 ... hit .357 as sophomore (5 HR; 3-1) ... first joined varsity as a freshman in state tournament play ... named No. 1 prospect at Midwest Team One Showcase ... pitched no-hitter in summer playoffs ... named to all-area football team, as quarterback and safety ... top guard on GWHS basketball team ... member of National Honor Society (also senior mentor) ... hails from same high school as ND softball freshman Christine Lux and early-'90s tennis player Kristy Doran ... uncle Tom Bolster played basketball at Emory ... father Bill Boockford was member of varsity golf team at University of Miami ... born June 16, 1987, in Hinsdale, Ill. ... son of Bill and Sarah Boockford ... full name is William Daniel Boockford ... enrolled in First Year of Studies ... intends to major in environmental studies.



Will Harford #30

Freshman • Infielder

Chicago, Illinois

The Kent (Conn.) School/

Notre Dame H.S. (Niles, Ill.)

6-0 • 170 • Bats/Throws: Right

Utility player and invited walk-on who could see time on left side of infield or catcher ... tough out who puts the ball in play ... played in all three games of Blue-Gold fall intrasquad series (0-for-4, R, K; start at shortstop in game-3) ... joins Notre Dame baseball program that has included 145 monogram winners from Illinois ... assumes number 30 worn past four seasons by lefthander Tom Thornton ... late-'60s two-sport star Bob Arnzen (a pitcher and basketball player) also wore 30 ... posted a GPA of 3.20 GPA in 2006 fall semester.

PREP & PERSONAL: Attended Notre Dame High School (Niles, Ill.) before post-graduate year at The Kent (Conn.) School ... named most outstanding senior athlete at NDHS in 2004-05, after lettering as a guard on basketball team and batting .390 with 28 RBI (23 R, 11 2B, 2 3B) for baseball team that won second straight regional title ... two-year letter-winner in baseball (3B/SS) ... led team to league title as a senior ... helped NDHS win 2005 state title in junior sea-



son, with future ND teammate Graffy pitching for runner-up Joliet Catholic ... earned two letters in basketball at NDHS ... shortstop and catcher at Kent, earning team MVP and first team all-conference honors for Founder's League runner-up team ... led '06 team in batting (.477; 10 RBI, 23 R, 4 HR, 3B, 7 2B, 5 SB) ... starting guard for basketball team that finished 7th in New England Prep School standings, second in league ... attended baseball Area Code Tryouts ... member of National Honor Society ... several other NDHS products have competed for Notre Dame teams, among them 1973 Academic All-America football linebacker Gary Potempa (Niles), late-'70s All-America foil fencer Pat Gerard and early-'90s baseball LHP Tony Livorsi (Glenview) ... father Bill Harford is a Chicago Cubs scout ... born Dec. 31, 1986, in Chicago ... son of Bill and Judy Harford ... William John Harford ... enrolled in First Year of Studies ... intends to major in business management.



Ryne Intlekofer #29

Freshman • Infielder
Moorpark, California
Moorpark H.S.

5-9 • 155 • Bats/Throws: Right

Tough-minded infielder, likely to be featured at second base ... noted for hustle, speed, quick bat and great baseball instincts ... top defensive infielders who made strides with bat in strong all-fall season ... could become key player as he gains strength ... hit 3-for-10 for victorious Gold team in fall intrasquad series (3 R, 2 Ks, 2 Es), including 3-for-4 as 2-hole hitter in decisive game-3 (2 R; 8-3) ... longtime ND fan who joins program that includes 32 all-time monogram winners from California ... previous ND baseball players to wear number 29 include Chuck Symeon (who shut out Texas at the 1957 College World Series).

PREP & PERSONAL: Standout baseball and football player at Moorpark HS ... four-year letter-winner (infielder/centerfielder) ... team captain, all-Marmonte League and all-Ventura County in final three seasons (hit .340 as senior shortstop) ... second team all-league as junior centerfielder, for 2nd-round state playoff team ... hit .309 in '05 league games, second on team with 21 overall RBI (11 stolen bases) ... all-league as sophomore second baseman (.329, 18 RBI), "most inspirational" for league champs ... played on St. Louis Cardinal Elite Scout team ('03-'05) ... played for Moorpark Muskies (summers '02-'05) ... top-10 times in 60-yard dash and home-to-first at '05 Team One West Showcase ... football team captain, defensive back MVP, all-city and first team all-league as senior for Southern Section Division IV runner-up ... junior-year football honors included first team all-league, second team all-county, all-county academic and defensive back MVP of playoffs ... played in VIBL all-star game and East West all-star games for foot-

ball and baseball ... received College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award ... attended '06 ND baseball summer camp ... honor-roll and principal's list student (member of Associated Student Body) ... grandfather John Intlekofer attended ND and played on 1930 freshman baseball team (later with Chicago White Sox) ... uncle Richard Intlekofer, grandfather Mike Woods ('62) also are ND grads ... cousins Chris and Brian Intlekofer played baseball at Loyola Marymount in late-'80s and early-'90s (their dad Jack Intlekofer played at CS Northridge and with California Angels in mid-'60s) ... cousin Jeff Wharton played basketball at LMU (early-'70s) ... born Jan. 27, 1988, in Thousand Oaks, Calif. ... son of Mike Intlekofer and Jenny Woods ... Ryne Michael Intlekofer ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.



IRISH



Eric Maust #16

Freshman • Righthanded Pitcher
Alpharetta, Georgia
Blessed Trinity H.S.

6-1 • 185 • Bats: Right

Two-sport talent who rose to challenge of pitching in '06 fall season while practicing as backup punter with Irish football team ... tremendous athlete who played center field and was a football quarterback as a prep ... could be used as mid-week starter or top mid-reliever ... known for pitching savvy and effectively locating three pitches for strikes, with mid-80s fastball and solid changeup ... does good job controlling running game and fielding his position ... has competitive presence and strong leadership ... earned game-3 start for Blue team in intrasquad series - despite being able to pitch just once a week in the fall - and struck out a pair in 2.0 innings (7 hits, 5 runs/4 earned) ... joins ND baseball program that includes two previous monogram winners from Georgia: late-'90s ace Alex Shilliday (Dunwoody/Westminster HS) and early-'90s DH Adam Maisano (Atlanta/Riverwood HS) ... recent Irish baseball players to wear number 16 include centerfielder Alex Netzey ('06) and first baseman Jeff Felker ('00) ... posted 3.27 GPA in '06 fall term.

PREP & PERSONAL: Football and baseball standout at Blessed Trinity HS ... four-year baseball letterwinner, as pitcher and centerfielder ... Georgia Dugout Club 2006 player of the year, after leading team to state title in senior season that saw him set team records for wins (12), Ks (83), innings (85) and ERA (1.35) ... had strong '06 offensive season, with his 56 hits setting BTHS record while his batting avg. (.496) was second-best in program's history and his 46 runs were third (also had 13 doubles) ... team MVP and all-state as junior and senior ... first team all-area centerfielder in '06, also receiving Golden Glove Award ... all-conference, all-city each of final three seasons ... earlier set BTHS

record for wins in season (9) as a junior, earning first team all-county honors for '05 regional runner-up team that reached state final-16 ... tossed shutout in first game of 2005 state tournament ... played for elite East Cobb Braves summer team that won 2005 NABF World Series ... named BTHS pitcher of the year in 2004, also second team all-county while leading team to regional title and state round-of-16 (he won regional title game) ... had impressive outing on 2004 spring break trip to Puerto Rico, when Blessed Trinity played Puerto Rico Baseball Academy High School team featuring 11 MLB draft picks (allowed just 4 hits in 3-1, game-1 loss) ... member of dominant East Cobb Astros that won AAU Junior Olympics, CABA national title and Triple Crown national title (all summer of '04) ... first set BTHS record for season ERA (2.14) as freshman in '03, when he won regional title game ... four-year football monogram winner, as primarily a QB and safety (he began punting in final season) ... set team records for career passing yards (1,743) and passing TDs (11), season punting avg. (39.8) and longest punt (68) ... totaled 1,145 career rushing yards (15 TDs) ... two-time football MVP who captained '05 team to conference and regional titles ... all-conference, first team all-area and honorable mention all-state in senior season, when he completed 37 passes for 555 yards (5 TDs) ... completed 33 passes as a junior (425 yards, 3 TDs) and sophomore (561 yards, 3 TDs) ... lettered final three years as shooting guard/forward on basketball team ... graduated with 91 avg. ... served as student ambassador, ... received O'Brien Leadership Award ... member of National Honor Society ... father Fred Maust wrestled at Central Florida ... born Jan. 19, 1988, in Atlanta ... son of Fred and Deanna Maust ... full name is Eric Tindal Maust ... enrolled in First Year of Studies.





Steven Mazur #18

Freshman • Righthanded Pitcher
Round Rock, Texas
Stony Point H.S.
6-0 • 180 • Bats: Right

Strike-throwing reliever who made key fall adjustments in delivery for more consistent release, allowing mid-'80s fastball and slider to be more repeatable ... had pair of strong outings for victorious Gold in fall intrasquad series (1-0, 4 IP, 3 H, 5 Ks) ... pitcher of record in 2-1 opener, needing just eight pitches (six strikes) to set down side in 6th ... retired 9-of-11 in 8-3 clincher (3 H, 5 Ks) ... could face former Austin Gold Sox teammates B.J. Boening, Jared Bunn, Casey Guest and Steven Siers in games vs. Texas State ... one of four Texans on '07 roster ... former ND All-America catcher Walt Osgood also wore #18.

PREP & PERSONAL: Three-year baseball captain at Stony Point HS, averaging 13.0 Ks/9 IP for career ... set team season records in '06 for ERA (1.17), Ks (85), wins (6), K-to-walk (10.6) and complete games (6), in 60 IP ... all-conference, all-city in final three seasons ... SPHS career leader in ERA (1.61) and Ks (243) ... also played third base ... strong '06 summer with Austin Gold Sox (1.76 ERA, 6-1, 80 Ks in 59 IP) ... all-tournament at '06 NBC Southwest Regional (13 shutout/1-hit innings included 8.0 in title game) ... central Texas/Austin All-Star Game ... all-district as junior (1.83, 77 Ks, 53.2 IP, 19 BB, 51 H; 4.1 K-BB ratio) ... hard-luck 1-0 loss vs. nation's 2nd-ranked team Corpus Christi Moody (UER, 4 H, BB, 7 Ks)



... '05 no-hitter vs. Leander (9 Ks) ... all-district in '04, setting SPHS records for Ks (81), CGs (6) and K-BB ratio (4.8), plus 1.78 ERA and 17 BB (5 wins, 41 H, 55 IP) ... first varsity game as sophomore came at Round Rock Hardball Classic (Dell Diamond), earning all-tournament honors after 2-hit, 14-K shutout vs. Austin Anderson ... played in summers of 2004 and '05 with Austin Baseball Club, alongside ND classmate Michael Wright ... 2005 summer stats: 0.72, 7-1, 76 Ks, 9 BB in 58.1 IP (30 H, 8.4 K-BB) ... 2004 summer: 1.86, 6-2, 71 Ks, 12 BB, 34 H in 49 IP (5.9 K/BB) ... named to Team Texas for 2005 Junior Sunbelt Classic (McAlester, Okla.), tossing 2-hit shutout of Team Canada (8 Ks) ... named to Top Prospect Team at 2005 World Wood Bat Championship (East Cobb, Ga.), after two shutouts (2-hitter with 11 Ks in 1-0 semi vs. New Jersey Twins) ... selected to Team Texas for 2004 Sophomore Sunbelt Classic ... Round Rock Hardball Classic all-tournament teams from 2004-06 ... won twice at 2004 World Wood Bat U-17s (12 Ks, 12 IP; hit .429), with 4-hit shutout of Ohio FAB Panthers (6 Ks, 24 BF, 7 IP) ... named to A-B Honor Roll ... academic all-district ... born Jan. 29, 1988, in Austin, Texas ... son of Jerry and Cheryl Mazur ... Steven Andrew Mazur ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.



David Mills #5

Freshman
Outfielder/LH Pitcher
Battle Creek, Michigan
Lakeview H.S.
5-9 • 160 • Bats: Left

Speedy two-way player, as corner outfielder or lefty reliever ... intense competitor and solid left-handed hitter, with quick stroke to all fields ... has good deception, with low-80s fastball and tough breaking ball ... Blue's top hitter in fall intrasquad series (3-for-8, 2 BB, 3 R, RBI, 2-3 SB, 3 Ks, 2 Es) ... lead role in Blue's 4-3 win (2-for-2, BB, RBI, 2 R) ... reunited at ND with former youth teammate Evan Sharpley (among four Michigan players on '07 roster) ... joins program that includes 41 all-time monogram winners from Michigan ... inherited number-5 jersey worn recently by All-America third baseman Matt Macri, utility infielder J.J. Brock and two-sport standout Paul Failla ... three of his former teammates play for '07 opponents: Western Michigan's Brett Schwartz, Valparaiso's Brett Bivens and Central Michigan's Devon Klein.

PREP & PERSONAL: All-state outfielder and pitcher as senior captain and team MVP of Lakeview High School's state title team (winning pitcher in final game) ... set team season records in '06 for hits (51), runs (51), strikeouts thrown (103) and ERA (0.49; top-15 in state history) ... finished with top career win total in LHS history (28-3) ... all-state season in '06 included .408 batting, 39 RBI, .768 slugging (7 HR, 7 3B, 10 2B), 26 stolen bases and .507 on-base - plus 10-0 record, lowly .130 opp. batting, just 34 hits allowed and 11 walks in



school-record 74 IP (save) ... all-conference and all-city in each of final three seasons (conference champs each year; '06 regional champs) ... played in '06 state all-star game ... all-state and team MVP as junior (0.74 ERA/18th in state history; LHS record at time) ... other '05 stats: team-best slugging (.649), HRs (4) and SBs, plus .369 batting, 25 RBI, 8-1 record, 74 Ks and just 11 walks (6.7 K-BB ratio) ... hit 4 HRs in one day ('05 travel season) ... academic all-district (3.96 GPA) ... all-conference, all-city and all-district as sophomore (honors he repeated in '05), batting .392 in that '04 season (3 HR, .575 slug., 29 RBI) with 1.75 ERA (8-2, 49 Ks, 15 BB) ... hit .472 (39 RBI, 44 H, .678 slug, .709 on-base) with 1.98 ERA and 8-0 record as a freshman ... played for Kalamazoo Maroons '06 travel team ... threw no-hitter in summer of '04 with Steele's travel team that won world-series title (his stats: 0.99, 8-1; .388, 3 HR) ... offensive MVP at '04 USSSA U-16 World Series (.470, 11 R, 5 RBI, HR, 3B, 3 2B, 4 SB), with game-winning HR and pitching win in title game ... winning pitcher in Southwest Michigan district title game ... played on '03 summer team that won bronze at USSSA World Series and Triple Crown Regional World Series ... hit .410 with 36 RBI on Mid-Michigan Tigers travel team ... "fastest man" award at Atlanta Braves and San Diego Padres regional tryouts and at Michigan High School Baseball Showcase (top times of 6.4) ... member of National Honor Society ... plays trumpet, piano and composes music ... plans to pursue career in sports optometry ... great-uncle Doug Bobo played football at Michigan State and was drafted by Detroit Lions ... brother Aaron is TV sports anchor for CBS ... born Dec. 16, 1987, in Battle Creek, Mich. ... son of Cury and Mary Mills ... David Christopher Mills ... enrolled in First Year of Studies (intended pre-professional major).



Austin Pearce #25

Freshman • Outfielder
Lake Oswego, Oregon
Jesuit H.S.

6-2 • 210 • Bats: Switch / Throws: Right

Switch-hitting outfielder who could develop into key power hitter ... a physical and strong player who uses big frame (6-2, 210 pounds) for power from both sides of the plate ... expected to compete for time at open leftfield position ... has excellent leadership qualities, as former state-championship quarterback in football ... could make key strides in 2007, due to strong work ethic and new one-sport focus ... hit 1-for-6 as member of Blue team in fall intrasquad series (RBI, BB, 3 Ks) ... former high school teammate Michael Rogers plays in the BIG EAST, as a freshman infielder at Seton Hall (they were 2006 co-captains at Jesuit High School) ... joins Notre Dame baseball program that includes eight previous monogram winners from Oregon.

PREP & PERSONAL:

Two-sport standout at Jesuit High School, captaining 2006 baseball team to conference title while quarterbacking football team to '05 state title ... hit .494 as a senior (5 HR), earning team MVP, all-conference and all-state ... lettered in baseball all four years, as rightfielder and pitcher ... played in 2006 senior all-star game (Dallas, Ore.) ... ranked sixth in state with .470 batting average as a junior, also third in state with .759 slugging pct. and in top-10 with a .537 on-base pct. ... totaled 28 RBI in 24 games during '05 season (honorable mention all-state, first



team all-league, team MVP) ... captain of '05 summer team (.426 batting, .723 slugging, .543 on-base) ... hit .333 in 21 regular-season varsity games as a sophomore and .266 as a freshman on JV team ... batted .356 in summer of '03, as member of JHS varsity ... three-year football letterwinner who helped team win 2004 and '05 conference titles ... passed for 1,096 yards and 16 touchdowns in senior season, also rushing for 526 yards and 12 TDs ... other JHS products who have earned monograms at Notre Dame include All-America distance runner Pete Burger ('80), soccer midfielder Eric Evans ('87), current senior sabre fencer Valerie Providenza ('04 NCAA champ), swimmer Roger Rand ('92), fencing epeeist John

Haugh ('87), soccer forward Maggie Manning ('06) and four football players: linemen Jim Ruzicka ('70) and Elton Moore ('77) and brothers Brian (punter) and Kevin (split end) Doherty (both '74) ... other Lake Oswego natives among ND monogram winners include Evans, Manning, football guard Jim Leahy ('69; Lake Oswego HS), baseball pitcher Mike Miadich ('92; LOHS) and rower Catherine Sedun ('05) ... born Oct. 17, 1987, in Portland ... son of Steve and Linda Pearce ... full name is Austin Jesse Pearce ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.



Herman Petzold #36

Freshman • Infielder
Saint Clair Shores, Michigan
De LaSalle H.S.

5-9 • 160 • Bats/Throws: Right

Outstanding defensive infielder with good instincts and baserunning ... could see time at either middle infield spot ... has worked hard on improving his offense ... started at shortstop in game-2 of Blue-Gold fall intrasquad series, batting 1-for-3 (K, E) to help Blue win 4-3 ... played key role in Blue's 3-run second inning, slapping single through right side ... joins senior pitcher Dan Kapala (Royal Oak/Shrine Catholic HS), sophomore infielder Evan Sharpley (Marshall HS) and freshman OF/LHP David Mills (Battle Creek/Lakeview HS) in giving Irish four Michigan natives on 2007 roster (most on one ND baseball team in recent memory) ... the program's 41 all-time monogram winners from Michigan include All-America outfielders Eric Danapilis (St. Joseph HS; '90-'93) and Ryan Topham (Portage Central HS; '93-'95) ... inherits number-36 jersey worn past four seasons by OF/DH Steve Andres ... two of his former teammates play for '07 opponents: Central Michigan's Jake Sobol (DLHS) and Western Michigan's Scott Sierzengam (Team Michigan) ... posted 3.35 grade-point average in 2006 fall semester.



PREP & PERSONAL: Three-year letterwinning third baseman/second baseman at De LaSalle High School ... a .331 career batter (81 RBI, 71 R, 6 HR, 5 3B, 24 2B) ... captained team as senior while batting .420 with 52 RBI (34 R, 14 2B, 4 HR, 4 3B) ... '06 honors included team MVP, all-state, all-district, all-region, all-county, all-metro and all-league ... all-district and academic all-state as a junior ... helped team win regional title as a sophomore ... MVP of '06 CABA U-18 World Series (in Michigan) ... member of National Honor Society ... other De

LaSalle products who have competed for Notre Dame include early-'60s football fullback Bill Henneghan (Detroit), early-'90s swimming freestyler Jim Boutros (Grosse Pt. Woods) and late-'90s fencing sabreist Brian Banas (Sterling Hts) ... father Herman Petzold played football at San Francisco State and received MBA from Notre Dame in '85 ... mother Janice Petzold played tennis at Ferris State ... born Sept. 7, 1988, in Grosse Pte., Mich. ... full name is Herman Gustave Petzold ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in finance and mathematics.



A.J. Pollock #4

Freshman • Infielder (Third Base)
Hebron, Connecticut
RHAM H.S.
6-1 • 190 • Bats/Throws: Right

Tremendous athlete who has solidified spot as probable starting third baseman, with Brett Lilley shifting to open shortstop role ... versatile defensive player with great hands, strong arm and classic infield instincts ... clutch performer who can hit for power, with linedrive swing and quick bat ... possibly fastest baserunner on team ... named

MVP of Blue-Gold fall intrasquad series, hitting 5-for-9 for victorious Gold (5 RBI, 3 R, HR, 2B, sac. bunt, 2-2 SB, K, 0 Es) ... hit 2-run blast in clinching game-3 (8-3) ... joins ND baseball program that includes 16 monogram winners from Connecticut, among them pitcher/outfielder Jean Dubuc (Waterbury) – a member of the 1918 Boston Red Sox (World Series champs) – and pitcher Chuck Symeon (Stamford/St. Basil's Prep), who shut out Texas in the '57 College World Series, plus recent record-setting pitcher Alan Walania (Derby/Notre Dame HS) ... inherits number-4 jersey worn past four seasons by shortstop Greg Lopez.

PREP & PERSONAL: Capped stellar career as four-year starting shortstop at RHAM High School by receiving most votes ever for Gatorade player-of-the-year award in Connecticut (since '74) ... tabbed by coaches association for '06 state player of the year, after batting .462 with .862 slugging (4 HR), 27 RBI, 34 runs and 15 stolen bases as team captain (1.62 ERA, 17 Ks in 9.0 innings) ... other '06 honors included player of the year from the *Hartford Courant* and *New Haven Register*, RHAM athlete of the year, team MVP and all-conference (played in senior all-star game and Conn.-Mass. all-star game) ... led team to conference titles in final three seasons ... qualified for Team One



National Showcase (Las Vegas; Oct. '05) ... all-conference and all-state as a junior (.386, 15 RBI, 22 R, HR, 2 3B, 6 2B, 10 BB, 4 Ks, 6 SB, 20 GP) ... all-conference performer on 2004 team that won regional and state titles (.489, 18 R, 3 3B, 4 2B, 8 RBI, 6 BB, 2 Ks, 16 GP) ... team defensive player of the year in '03, '04 and '05 ... first RHAM freshman ever to start at shortstop (.317, 12 RBI, 2B, 9 R, 3 BB, K, 3 SB, 19 GP) ... a 2005 American Legion all-star and winner of Zone 7 Sportsmanship Award, after batting .464 with 31 RBI in 43 wood-bat games (4 HR, 4 3B, 18 2B, 28 R, 20 BB, 8 Ks, 32 SB) ... '04 American Legion all-star (.472, 17 RBI, 3 3B, 12 2B, 44 R, 18 BB, 3 Ks, 23 SB, 44 GP, 34-10 record) ... youngest player selected for '03 American Legion "Futures" all-stars (.418, 23 RBI, 46 GP, 3B, 9 2B, 26 R, 8 BB, 2 Ks, 17 SB) ... top-10 list at Team One East Showcase (Aug. '05) ... four-year starting guard in basketball ... played varsity soccer as freshman ... member of National Honor Society... received academic achievement awards ... volunteered at 2003-05 Winter Special Olympics, 2004 Summer Special Olympics ... father Allen Pollock played rugby at Boston College ... born Dec. 5, 1987 ... son of Allen and Karen Pollock ... full name is Allen Lorenz Pollock ... enrolled in First Year of Studies ... intends to major in business.

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Andrew Scheid #31

Freshman • Righthanded Pitcher
Highlands Ranch, Colorado
Regis Jesuit H.S.
6-6 • 200 • Bats: Right

Highly-rated prep pitcher who has shown signs of promise since arriving at Notre Dame ... has physical ability to be effective power pitcher, with 6-foot-6, 200-pound frame and high arm slot for significant downward plane on mid-80s fastball and hard-down breaking ball ... could emerge as viable bullpen option, after making adjustments to his stride and directional during fall and winter workouts ... tallest member of team that also includes pair of 6-4 pitchers (Dan Kapala and Sam Elam) ... pitched 2.0 relief innings for Blue team in game-3 of fall Blue-gold intrasquad series (3 R, 5 H, BB, 2 Ks; 8-3 win for Gold) ... joins ND baseball program that has featured four monogram winners from Colorado, including recent infielder J.J. Brock (Colorado Springs/Air Academy HS), current Houston Astros closer Brad Lidge and outfielder/DH Matt Bransfield (both from Englewood/Cherry Creek HS) ... Brock now is an assistant coach at the University of Toledo.

PREP & PERSONAL: Three-year starting pitcher at Regis Jesuit High School (also played first base and outfield) ... team captain as senior, earning all-city and all-state ... posted 3.16 ERA with 53 strikeouts in 48.2 innings with Cherry Creek Connie Mack in summer of '06 (2-2, 31 BB; hit .353 with 11 doubles) ... second team all-conference as a junior (3.34, 73 Ks, 56.2 IP; also hit .400), for regional champs (state semifinals) ... totaled 24 Ks in 18 innings as a sophomore ... '05 summer with Colorado Khaos: 2.35 ERA, 107 Ks in 64 IP (17 BB, 15.1 Ks/9 IP, 6.3 K-BB ratio; hit .423) ... played summer ball with Regis Legion A ... ranked by *Baseball America* as number-30 prospect at '05 Area Code Games ... played in Top-50 Game at Coors Field during senior year ... lettered two

years as soccer fullback and two as basketball guard ... averaged 15.4 points, 7.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game as captain of '05-'06 basketball team (all-conference, all-state) ... member of regional-title soccer team as a freshman ... academic all-state in baseball and basketball as junior and senior ... awarded Branch Rickey High School Humanitarian Award (from Rotary Club of Denver) ... member of National Honor Society and school paper ... other Regis products who have been member of Notre Dame teams: mid-'50s tennis player Maury Reidy (Denver), late-'80s golfer Pat Kusek (Longmont), mid-'80s hockey goalie Al Haverkamp (Denver) and mid-'90s freestyle swimmer Tom Byorick (Englewood) ... aunt Mary Lou (Scheid) Puszha is '82 ND grad ... born Jan. 12, 1988, in Denver ... son of Mick and Stacy Scheid ... full name is Andrew Francis Scheid ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.





Ryan Smith #45

Freshman • Catcher
Waldorf, Maryland
Westlake H.S.

6-1 • 210 • Bats/Throws: Right

Spirited catcher who will compete for starting role ... made all-around improvements in fall while working with elite Irish pitchers ... physical player with strong arm ... outgoing leader and strong communicator on field ... developing offensive threat who can consistently hit the ball hard ... named a 2006 ABCA third team All-American (the first- and second-team catchers both signed as MLB first-rounders) ... hit 1-for-8 in annual Blue-

Gold fall intrasquad series, with lone hit being a solo home run to dead center field to give Gold 2-0 lead in 8-3 clincher (also had sac. bunt, strikeout and error in series) ... could face former Maryland Monarchs and Team Maryland teammate Daniel Cropper (a freshman pitcher at UNC Wilmington) in '07 season ... joins Notre Dame baseball program that features 11 all-time monogram winners from Maryland, including recent first baseman Jeff Felker (Ellicott City/Mount St. Joseph HS) ... takes on number-45 jersey worn previous three seasons by two-sport standout Jeff Samardzija ... other recent players to wear number 45 include setup pitcher Brandon Vioria, left-handed specialist Chris McKeown and another two-way talent Irv Smith ... one of 19 ND baseball players who posted GPA of 3.0 plus (3.08) in '06 fall semester.

PREP & PERSONAL: Record-setting player at Westlake HS, earning 2006 third team All-America honors from American Baseball Coaches Association ... hit .446 as a senior, with .862 slugging (7 HR, 6 2B), 37 RBI and 15 walks (8 stolen bases, just 4 Ks) ... threw out 3-of-6 attempted basestealers (plus 9 pickoffs) ... set school records for season on-base pct. (.608, in '05) and triples (3), plus career hits (87), triples (6) and games played (83) ... other '06 honors included Louisville Slugger honorable mention All-America, southern Maryland player of the year, county player of the year, first team all-Met (*Washington Post*), first team all-conference and conference all-academic ... played in Brooks Robinson Senior All-Star Game and '05/'06 state all-star games (HR in '06) ... started 83 of 84 career games ... threw out 11-of-17 basestealers in final two seasons ... junior-year honors included honorable mention all-Met, first team all-conference, first team all-county and team MVP, (.482, 20 RBI, 4 HR, threw out 9-of-13) ... four-year letterwinner (as catcher and third baseman) who captained team final two seasons ... hit .400 with Team Maryland at '05 Sunbelt Classic (Norman, Okla.) ... played with



Maryland Monarchs Summer Showcase Team and Maryland Oriolanders Fall Showcase Team ... hit .373 as a sophomore (3 HR, 18 RBI), earning first team all-county, second team all-conference and team offensive MVP ... batted .342 (2 HR, 44 RBI) in summer of '05 with Chaney American Legion ... WHS rookie of the year (honorable mention all-county) ... lettered with football as sophomore QB and linebacker ... cousin Chris Maples was third baseman at North Carolina and 6th-round draft pick of Detroit Tigers in '02 ... father Kevin Smith played baseball at Towson State in early-'80s ... born April 13, 1988, in Clinton, Md. ... son of Kevin and Carol Smith ... full name is Robert Ryan Smith ... enrolled in First Year of Studies.



Michael Wright #1

Freshman • Outfielder
Lockhart, Texas
Lockhart H.S.

5-7 • 160 • Bats/Throws: Left

Electric newcomer who plays full-speed in all areas ... named by Perfect Game as "captain of its all-time hustle team" ... will compete for time in center field ... classic lefthanded leadoff option who can spark offense with bunting skill, linedrive hitting ability to all fields, plate discipline and havoc on the bases ... hit 4-for-8 while helping Gold team win fall intrasquad series (RBI, SB) ... dons number-1 jersey worn previously by an Irish player in the 1997 season (centerfielder Randall Brooks).

PREP & PERSONAL: Ranked among top batters in Central Texas as a senior team captain at Lockhart High School, after hitting .500 with a .595 on-base pct. and .818 slugging ... named district 26-4A MVP (also a district all-academic pick) in 2006, with other honors including first team all-Central Texas, honorable mention all-state and all-state academic team ... played in '06 Austin Area all-star game ... also one of the top hitters in central Texas during jun-



ior season (.508 batting, .597 on-base, .737, slugging, team-best 14 RBI - from leadoff spot - 3 HR, 16 SB, 20 R, 5 outfield assists) ... runner-up for '05 district MVP, also receiving all-district and district all-academic honors in '04 and '05 ... played summer and fall ball for three years with Austin Baseball Club ... helped ABC reach World Wood Bat U-17 national semifinals (July '05, in Georgia), serving as leadoff hitter and centerfielder in every inning at elite event while leading team with .555 batting ... selected to Top Prospect List from Perfect Game South Top Prospect Showcase (July '05, at Baylor) ... never missed a day of school due to illness or injury in 13 years ... honor student with a 4.0 GPA ... member of National Honor Society and student council (freshman class president) ... born Oct. 19, 1987, in Austin, Texas ... son of Michael and Janie Wright ... full name is Michael Martin Wright ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in business (finance or accounting).