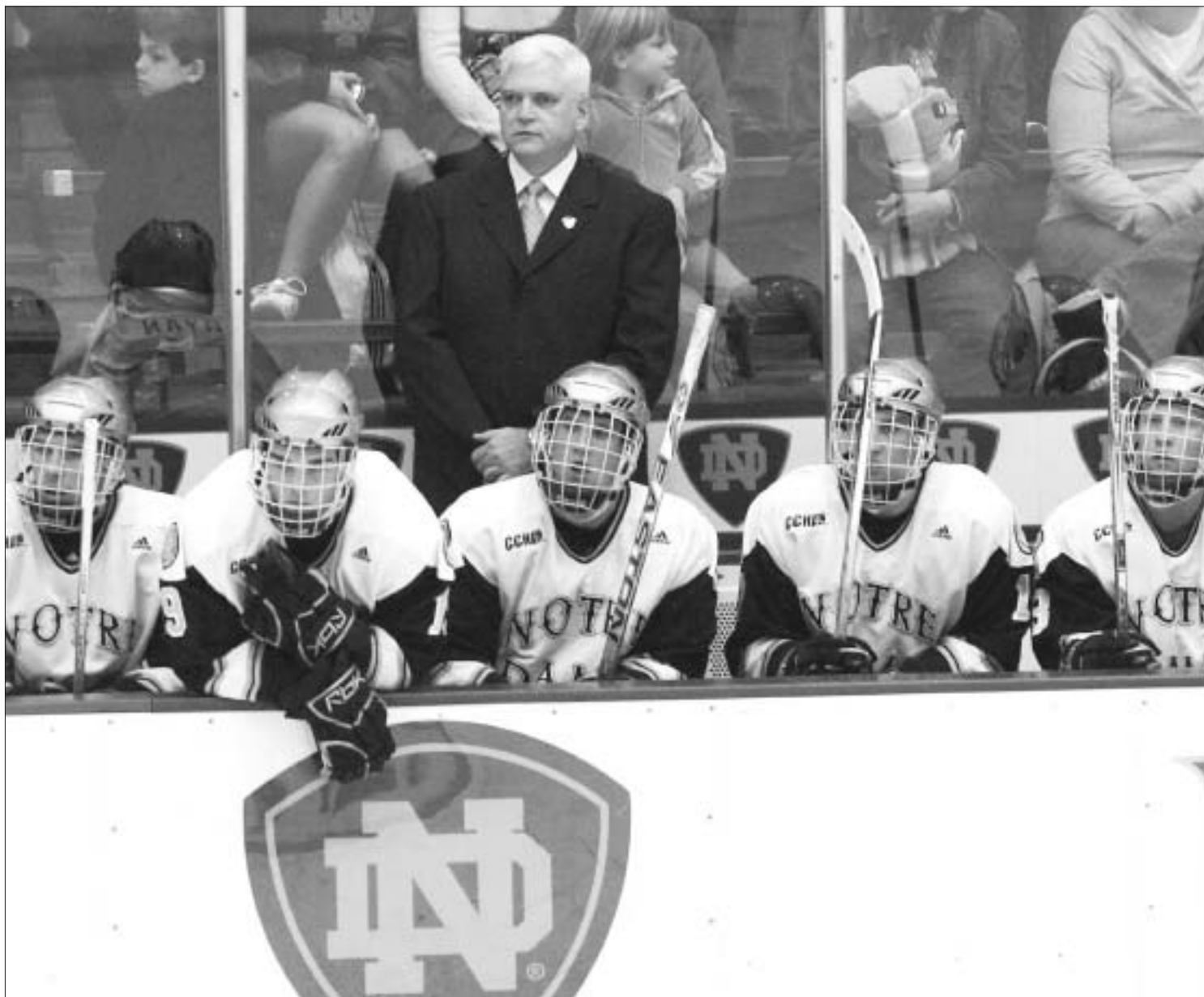


Coaching Staff



Head coach Jeff Jackson begins his fourth season behind the Notre Dame bench. In just three seasons guiding the Irish, his teams are 72-42-11 for a .620 winning percentage.



Head Coach



**Jeff
Jackson**

**Head Coach
Fourth Season at
Notre Dame
Michigan State '78**

When Notre Dame went looking for a new hockey coach following the 2004-05 season, the University searched for a coach who could move the program among the elite hockey schools in the country. The search took them in one direction - Jeff Jackson.

The veteran coach owned a resume packed with success at the collegiate, junior hockey, professional and international levels. Throughout his coaching career, Jackson's teams had been successful both on and off the ice and the hope was that he could deliver those same qualities for the Irish.

After three seasons behind the Notre Dame bench, it's safe to say that the Irish hit a home run with the selection of Jackson.

In that span, Notre Dame has become one of the nation's top teams, winning the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) regular season and tournament titles in 2006-07 and then following with a first-ever NCAA Frozen Four appearance and a trip to the national championship game in 2007-08.

Over the past two years alone, the Irish have combined to win 59 games, compiling a 59-23-7 (.702) record. The 59 wins tie for the most in the nation from 2006 to 2008 with Michigan, and the .702 winning percentage is third-best over that two-year span.

With win totals of 32 and 27 in '06-'07 and '07-'08, Jackson's Notre Dame teams recorded their first back-to-back 20-win seasons in the program's history and also made consecutive NCAA tournament appearances for the first time.

Coming off the record-setting '06-'07 campaign, Jackson's squad got off to a fast start during 2007-08, going 16-4-0 over the first 20 games with a nine-game winning streak from Nov. 16 through Dec. 8. The Irish struggled through January and February, as the team averaged just two goals per game over the final 16 contests.

In the postseason, the Irish knocked off Ferris State, two games to one, in the second round of the CCHA Tournament. At Joe Louis Arena, Notre Dame scored just two goals in losses to Miami and Northern Michigan. The last at-large team to make the NCAA tournament, the Irish offense came to life when it counted.



Jeff Jackson is the fourth head coach in the 41-year modern history of the Notre Dame hockey program. In nine seasons as a Division I head coach, Jackson owns a 254-94-36 career record and his .708 winning percentage is the best among active coaches.

Jackson at a Glance

Full Name

- Jeffery L. Jackson

Birthdate

- June 22, 1955

Hometown

- Roseville, Michigan

Education

- Bachelor's Degree in Communications
Michigan State '78
- Bachelor's Degree in Education
Michigan State '79

Collegiate Coaching Experience

- Assistant Coach, Lake Superior State (1986-90)
- Head Coach, Lake Superior State (1990-96)
Record: 182-52-25 (.751); two NCAA titles, two CCHA regular-season titles, four CCHA tournament championships
- Head Coach, University of Notre Dame (2005-)
Record: 72-42-11 (.620); one CCHA regular-season title, one CCHA tournament championship

International Coaching Experience

- National Coach and Senior Director,
U.S. National Developmental Program
(1996-2000)
- Head Coach, U.S. Junior National Team
(1996-97) - Won silver medal at World Junior Championships
- Assistant Coach, U.S. Olympic Team (1998)

Junior Hockey Experience

- Head Coach, Guelph Storm (2000-03)
Record: 87-67-24 (4)

Professional Experience

- Assistant Coach, New York Islanders (2003-05)

Coaching Honors

- Spencer Penrose Award (2007)
- CCHA Coach of the Year (1990-91, 2006-07)

Advancing to the NCAA West Regional, the Irish knocked off New Hampshire, 7-3, in the first game of the regional and then stopped Michigan State, 3-1, to win the region to become the first fourth-seeded team to advance to the Frozen Four.

At the Frozen Four, Jackson's squad upset No. 1-ranked Michigan, 5-4, in overtime to move to the national championship game versus Boston College. The Eagles ended the magical ride with a 4-1 victory in Denver.

After going 13-19-4 in his first season behind the bench, Jackson's '06-'07 team got the ball rolling towards Irish hockey success.

During the '06-'07 season, Notre Dame set school records for overall wins (32) and CCHA victories (21) on the way to capturing Notre Dame's first-ever CCHA regular-season and tournament championships.

For the first time in the program's history, the Irish were ranked No. 1 in the nation, holding that lofty perch for seven straight weeks from Feb. 5 through March 25. They made their second appearance in the NCAA tournament (first as a No. 1 seed) and won their first tournament game.

For his successful season behind the Irish bench, Jackson was named the CCHA coach-of-the-year and the winner of the Spencer Penrose Award as the national coach-of-the-year.

While Jackson's icers have gotten the job done on the ice, they have also acquitted themselves quite nicely off the ice in both the classroom and the community. As a team, the Irish turned in a 3.32 grade-point average in the classroom and they are heavily involved in the University's community service work.

In just three seasons at Notre Dame, Jackson has seen the program go from five wins to 13 victories in his first season, to the 59-23-7 record over the last two years for a 72-42-11 (.620) mark in his three seasons guiding the Irish.

During his first two years behind the bench, Jackson's teams made 15- and 19-point improvements in the conference standings, going from last in '04-'05 to eighth in '05-'06 to first during the '06-'07 season. That two-season jump made the Irish just the third



team in CCHA history to go from worst-to-first over a two-year span.

The 53-year-old bench boss took over the Notre Dame hockey program on May 6, 2005 as the fourth coach since the program's Division I inception in 1968.

For Jackson, it was a return to his roots – coaching at the collegiate level – where he got his start behind the bench at Lake Superior State.

He inherited a team that struggled through a difficult 5-27-6 season in 2004-05 and had lost confidence in itself. The Roseville, Mich., native and his staff went right to work to change the team's attitude and perception.

They made giant strides on and off the ice in that first season directing the team's fortunes.

After a slow start (3-9-1), his players began to buy into what the new coach was selling and the Irish finished the year with a 10-10-3 mark over the final 23 games. In CCHA play, the Irish showed a 15-point improvement over '04-'05 – going from 3-20-5 to 11-13-4 – good for eighth place in the league and the final home-ice spot in the CCHA playoffs. Only Miami made a bigger jump in '05-'06 with a 16-point improvement.

In Jackson's first three seasons, the Irish have played with poise and discipline, relying on team defense, strong goaltending and excellent special teams play. They also have laid the foundation for future seasons with major success on the recruiting trail.

Over the past two years, Jackson has seen his teams lead the nation in team defense (1.63 goals against in '06-'07) and penalty killing (.904 success rate in '06-'07). Last season the Irish were fifth (2.13) and third (.887) in each category respectively.

Jackson heads into the 2008-09 season with a nine-year collegiate record of 254-94-36 for a .708 winning percentage, the best percentage among all Division I coaches with five years or more in Division I. His 254 career wins tie him for 17th among active coaches.

Success is nothing new for Jackson on the Division I level. He returned to college hockey in '05-'06 after nine years away. In six years at Lake

Superior State, Jackson's teams won two NCAA titles in 1992 and 1994 (also advancing to the finals in 1993), two CCHA regular-season championships ('91 and '96) and four CCHA playoff trophies ('91, '92, '93 and '95). His 1992-93 team also advanced to the NCAA championship game, losing a 5-4 decision to Maine.

In taking over the Irish coaching duties in '05, Jackson became the first Notre Dame head coach to have won an NCAA Division I championship with another program before being hired as an Irish head coach.

In making the announcement of Jackson's hiring, then Notre Dame director of athletics, Kevin White said, "Jeff Jackson has a first-hand appreciation of exactly what it takes to be successful at the very highest level of the collegiate hockey world. His accomplishments at Lake Superior State in winning multiple NCAA titles – combined with his work and connections from the United States national developmental program and from the professional level – provide him a solid foundation from which to lead the Notre Dame hockey program."

The highly regarded Jackson brings over 22 years of coaching experience to the Irish as an assistant and a head coach at the NCAA Division I level, on the international level with the U.S. national program, in major junior hockey and at the National Hockey League level.

A 1978 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in communications, Jackson followed with a degree in education in 1979.

Jackson got his start in college hockey as an assistant coach at Lake Superior State in 1986 where he served four years under Frank Anzalone, helping guide the Lakers to one CCHA championship and the 1988 NCAA title.

When Anzalone moved to the professional ranks following the 1989-90 season, Jackson took over as the head coach of the Lakers and in a six-year span (1991-96), guided them to six consecutive NCAA appearances, including three straight trips to the title game from 1992 through 1994.

In his first season behind the Lakers' bench,



In three seasons behind the Notre Dame bench, Jeff Jackson has guided the Irish to a 72-42-11 overall record. In that span, Notre Dame has won a CCHA regular-season and tournament title (2006-07) and made its first Frozen Four appearance, playing for the national championship at the end of the 2007-08 season.

Jackson's squad was 33-10-3 overall and 26-2-4 in league play, winning the CCHA regular-season and tournament titles. They lost in the NCAA quarterfinals to Clarkson, two games to one.

A year later, Lake Superior State ran off its second 30+ win season under Jackson, going 30-9-4 on the year, while finishing second in the league with a 20-8-4 mark. The Lakers proceeded to knock off Alaska Anchorage and Minnesota in the regionals before beating Michigan State (4-2) in the semifinals and Wisconsin (5-3) in Albany, N.Y., in the first of three consecutive trips to the NCAA finals.

The Lakers were 32-8-5 during the 1992-93 season and finished third in the CCHA with a 20-5-5 record. They captured the league's tournament title by beating Miami, 3-0, in the finals at Joe Louis Arena. Lake Superior defeated Minnesota-Duluth in the West Regional to advance to the finals at Milwaukee, Wis. There, the Lakers defeated Boston University in the semifinals and then faced Maine, led by Paul Kariya and Jim Montgomery, in the finals. A third-period rally by the Black Bears gave them a 5-4 win.

Lake Superior didn't dwell on the loss for long as the Lakers' success continued with a 31-10-4 record and a second-place CCHA finish in 1993-94. After losing to Michigan in the CCHA championship game, Jackson's team rebounded by winning overtime games versus Northeastern (6-5), Michigan (5-4) and Harvard (3-2) to face Boston University in the title game at St. Paul, Minn. The Terriers weren't much of a match for the Lakers as they recorded their second championship in three years with a 9-1 win.

Jackson's Lakers followed their second championship season in 1994-95 with a 23-12-6 record and won their fourth CCHA tournament title. In the NCAA tournament, Lake Superior defeated Clarkson in the first game of the East Regional and then lost to Boston University in the Regional final.

In his final season in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jackson saw the Lakers return to the 30-win plateau, going 30-8-2 overall and winning their second

Jeff Jackson Coaching File

Year	School	Overall				CCHA			
		W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
'87-'88	Lake Superior State	Assistant Coach							
'88-'89	Lake Superior State	Assistant Coach							
'88-'89	Lake Superior State	Assistant Coach							
'89-'90	Lake Superior State	Assistant Coach							
Head Coaching Record									
'90-'91	Lake Superior State	36	5	4	.844	26	2	4	.875
'91-'92	Lake Superior State	30	9	4	.744	29	8	4	.688
'92-'93	Lake Superior State	32	8	5	.767	20	5	5	.750
'93-'94	Lake Superior State	31	10	4	.733	18	8	4	.667
'94-'95	Lake Superior State	23	12	6	.634	14	9	4	.593
'95-'96	Lake Superior State	30	8	2	.775	22	6	2	.767
'96-'97	U.S. NTDP								
'97-'98	U.S. NTDP								
'98-'99	U.S. NTDP								
'99-'00	U.S. NTDP								
'00-'01	Guelph Storm (OHL)	34	23	9 (2)	.581				
'01-'02	Guelph Storm (OHL)	37	23	7 (1)	.603				
'02-'03	Guelph Storm (OHL)	16	21	8 (1)	.426				
'03-'04	New York Islanders	Assistant Coach							
'04-'05	New York Islanders	Assistant Coach							
'05-'06	Notre Dame	13	19	4	.417	11	13	4	.464
'06-'07	Notre Dame	32	7	3	.798	21	4	3	.804
'07-'08	Notre Dame	27	16	4	.617	15	9	4	.607
Totals	Lake Superior State	182	52	25	.751	120	38	23	.727
	Notre Dame	72	42	11	.620	47	26	11	.625
	Division I Total	254	94	36	.708	167	64	34	.694

Head Coach

regular-season title with a 22-6-2 mark. Lake Superior then lost to Michigan in the CCHA title game (just the second CCHA tournament loss in Jackson's six years - 24-2) and saw the season come to an end with a loss in the East Regionals to Vermont.

During his six years guiding the Lakers, Jackson produced 12 All-Americans (five first team and seven second team) and one Academic All-American. In 1991, he was recognized as the CCHA coach of the year. He is just one of 12 coaches to win multiple NCAA championships. From 1993-96, he also served as the Director of Athletics at Lake Superior.

Several of Jackson's players advanced to play in the NHL. The list includes: Doug Weight, Brian Rolston, Keith Aldridge, Blaine Lacher, John Grahame, Bates Battaglia and Jim Dowd.

On June 7, 1996, Jackson was named the national coach and senior director of the newly founded U.S. National Team Development program based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In his first season while putting the program in place, he served as the head coach for the United States Junior National Team that captured the silver medal at the 1997 World Junior Championships, at the time, the best finish ever for the U.S. team. Former Irish captain Ben Simon, was a member of that squad.

The following year, Jackson served as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. In his four years directing the national program, eight former Notre Dame players came from the developmental program. The list includes: Brett Henning, Michael Chin, Connor Dunlop, Paul Harris, John Wroblewski, Brett Lebda, Neil Komadoski and Rob Globke.

In 2000, Jackson left the U.S. program and took over as coach of

the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Guelph Storm where he turned a losing franchise around, finishing in second place in his first season with a 34-23-9-2 record. In the 2001-02 season, the Storm went 37-23-7-1 and hosted the Memorial Cup, advancing to the tiebreaker game where they lost to Victoriaville. In two-and-a-half seasons in Guelph, Jackson had an 87-67-24-4 record.

From Guelph, Jackson moved on to the National Hockey League's (NHL) New York Islanders where he served as an assistant on Steve Stirling's staff from 2003-05. In 2003-04, the Islanders finished third in the NHL's Atlantic Division with a 38-29-11-4 record, good for 91 points. The Islanders lost in the first round of the playoffs to eventual Stanley Cup winner, Tampa, four games to one.

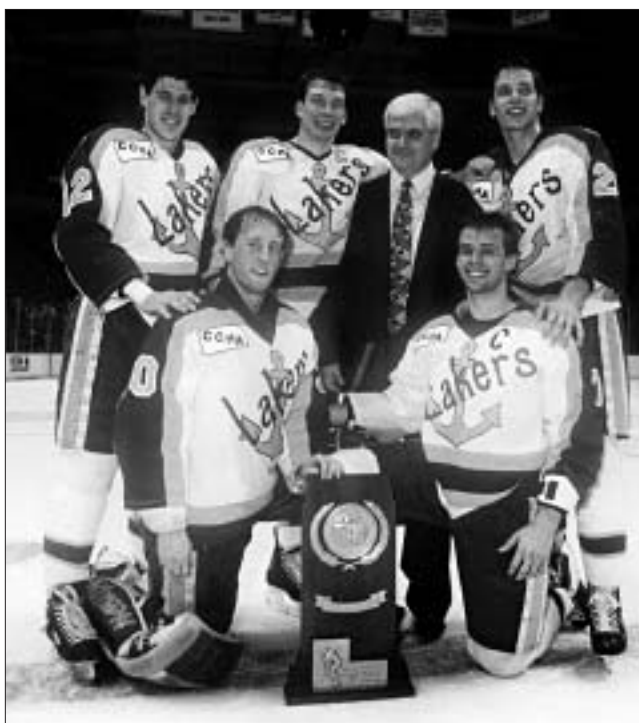
In May of 2003, *Inside College Hockey*, ranked Jackson 12th on its list of the 16 Greatest College Coaches of all-time with only five of the 16 still active in coaching.

Born June 22, 1955, Jackson is a member of the USA Hockey Coaches Achievement Program, the American Hockey Coaches Association and the National Hockey League Coaches Association.

All-Time Irish Head Coaches

Coach (Years)	W	L	T	PCT
G.R. Walsh (1912-13) *	1	2	0	.333
Paul Castner (1919-23) *	18	4	0	.826
Tom Lieb (1923-26) *	3	8	3	.321
Benjamin Dubois (1926-27) *	3	7	1	.318
Charles "Lefty" Smith (1968-87)	307	320	31	.490
Ric Schafer (1987-95)	112	152	15	.428
Dave Poulin (1995-2005)	139	195	50	.427
Jeff Jackson (2005-)	72	42	11	.620

*pre-Division I hockey era
(Notre Dame's Division I program began in 1968)



Jeff Jackson poses with the 1992 NCAA Championship Trophy along with members of his national champion Lake Superior State Lakers. Jackson took Lake Superior to three consecutive NCAA title games, winning the title again in 1994.

Jeff Jackson's Record Versus Division I Teams

Team	W	L	T	PCT
Air Force	1	0	0	1.000
Alabama-Huntsville	2	0	0	1.000
Alaska Anchorage	1	0	0	1.000
Alaska Fairbanks	12	3	1	.781
Army	1	0	0	1.000
Boston College	1	1	0	.500
Boston University	2	1	0	.667
Bowling Green	27	5	2	.824
Brown	0	1	0	.000
Clarkson	2	2	0	.500
Colorado College	0	1	0	.000
Cornell	2	0	0	1.000
Denver	1	2	0	.333
Ferris State	23	5	4	.781
Harvard	1	0	0	1.000
Illinois-Chicago	24	2	0	.923
Lake Superior State	6	1	0	.857
Kent State	7	0	1	.938
Laurentian	2	0	0	1.000
Massachusetts	0	1	0	.000
Miami	17	7	8	.656
Maine	2	3	0	.400
Massachusetts-Lowell	1	0	0	1.000
Mercyhurst	1	0	0	1.000
Michigan	16	18	1	.471
Michigan State	13	13	6	.500
Michigan Tech	3	1	0	.750
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000
Minnesota-Duluth	1	0	0	1.000
Minnesota State	2	2	0	.500
Nebraska-Omaha	5	1	2	.750
New Hampshire	1	0	0	1.000
Northeastern	2	0	0	1.000
Northern Michigan	6	5	1	.542
Notre Dame	11	2	0	.846
Ohio State	21	6	5	.734
Princeton	4	1	0	.800
Providence College	1	0	0	1.000
Rensselaer	2	0	0	1.000
Robert Morris	1	1	0	.500
St. Lawrence	2	0	1	.833
Toronto	1	0	0	1.000
Vermont	1	1	0	.500
Western Michigan	21	6	4	.742
Wisconsin	1	2	0	.333
York University	1	0	0	1.000
Totals	254	94	36	.708

In Postseason (Totals included in career totals)

Team	W	L	PCT
Alabama-Huntsville	1	0	1.000
Alaska	2	2	.500
Alaska Anchorage	1	0	1.000
Boston College	1	0	1.000
Boston University	2	1	.667
Bowling Green	2	0	1.000
Clarkson	2	2	.500
Cornell	1	0	1.000
Ferris State	2	1	.667
Harvard	1	0	1.000
Illinois-Chicago	6	0	1.000
Lake Superior	1	0	1.000
Maine	0	1	.000
Miami	2	1	.667
Michigan	6	2	.750
Michigan State	5	1	.833
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
Minnesota-Duluth	1	0	1.000
New Hampshire	1	0	1.000
Northeastern	1	0	1.000
Northern Michigan	0	1	.000
Ohio State	4	0	1.000
Vermont	0	1	.000
Western Michigan	3	0	1.000
Wisconsin	1	0	1.000
Totals	46	14	.767



Top 10 Division I Coaching Records Winningest Active Coaches

by Percentage

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1. Jeff Jackson <i>Lake Superior, Notre Dame</i>	9	254	94	36	.708
2. Red Berenson <i>Michigan</i>	24	644	298	68	.671
3. Dick Umile, New Hampshire <i>New Hampshire</i>	18	424	207	66	.656
4. Jack Parker, Boston U. <i>Boston University</i>	35	780	407	97	.645
5. Scott Owens <i>Colorado College</i>	9	223	121	25	.638
6. Don Lucia, Minnesota <i>Alaska Fairbanks, Colorado College, Minnesota</i>	21	504	278	75	.632
7. Mike Schafer <i>Cornell</i>	13	254	139	45	.631
8. Rand Pecknold <i>Quinnipiac</i>	14	263	165	42	.604
9. Jerry York, Boston College <i>Clarkson, Bowling Green, Boston College</i>	36	803	515	84	.603
10. Rick Gotkin <i>Mercyhurst</i>	20	362	237	46	.597

By Victories

<u>Coach, Current School</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Wins</u>
1. Jerry York, Boston College	38	803
2. Jack Parker, Boston University	35	780
3. Rick Comley, Michigan St.	35	739
4. Red Berenson, Michigan	24	644
5. Don Lucia, Minnesota	21	504
6. George Gwozdecky, Denver	19	472
7. Bill Wilkinson, Wayne St.	26	435
8. Dick Umile, New Hampshire	18	424
9. Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence	23	415
10. Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst	20	362
11. Donald Cahoon, UMass	20	283
12. Bruce Marshall, Connecticut	19	269
13. Rand Pecknold, Quinnipiac	14	263
14. Don Vaughan, Colgate	15	257
15. Bob Daniels, Ferris St.	16	257
16. Bob Gaudet, Dartmouth	20	256
17. Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame	9	254
Mike Schafer, Cornell	13	254
Gary Wright, AIC	24	254
19. Tim Whitehead, Maine	12	248
20. John Markell, Ohio St.	14	242

What They Are Saying About Jeff Jackson

“If anyone can get it done here at Notre Dame, it’s Jeff Jackson.”

– **Scotty Bowman**

The NHL’s winningest coach and nine-time Stanley Cup winner at the Notre Dame’s “Drop The Puck” Dinner on Sept. 6, 2005.

“Coach Jackson demands a lot from his players. He will get the most out of you. He’s a very honest guy who will be a good fit at Notre Dame. When I made my decision to go to Notre Dame, I had narrowed my choices to Notre Dame, Harvard and Lake State. The main reason I wanted to go to Lake State was because of Coach Jackson. I think it speaks volumes about his character because he was honest with me and fully supported my decision to go to Notre Dame because it was the best combination of academics and athletics for me. When he picked me for the junior national team, he could’ve picked a lot more talented players over me, but he had a vision and a plan. He said, ‘Here’s the role I want you to play, do you accept that.’ We won the silver medal. He took a third or fourth line guy and made me better. He’ll make you work real hard, but when you see the success, you enjoy it.”

– **Ben Simon**

former Notre Dame hockey player who played for Jackson on the 1997 U.S. Junior National Team

“Jeff will be an awesome fit for Notre Dame. He understands the game and is such a student of the game. He’s got the total team concept and develops players around the team concept. His teaching ability is what separates him from other coaches. It’s a great situation for him and for Notre Dame.”

– **Paul Pooley**

former Providence College head coach who was an assistant with Jackson at Lake Superior from 1992-94 and is now the associate head coach with the Irish.

“Jeff Jackson is undoubtedly the best coach and more importantly the best person that I have ever worked with. He goes out of his way to get involved with his players in all aspects of their lives. It’s not all about winning hockey games. He focuses on the entire picture and works for balance. If things are going well off the ice, then they usually go well on the ice. As a coach he is detail-oriented and very disciplined. He is excellent in preparing for an opponent, but he also makes his opponent prepare for his teams. He is one of the most respected people in the coaching profession on the college, pro and international levels, all the way down to the junior and youth hockey levels. He’s a great fit for Notre Dame.”

– **Scott Monaghan**

Director of Operations with USA Hockey National Team Development Program.

“Jeff Jackson is a great coach with lots of experience. He’s won two national championships at Lake Superior State. He’s a great recruiter and a well-respected hockey mind. He’ll represent Notre Dame well.”

– **Ian MaCaw**

Athletics Director at Baylor (former Athletics Director at Massachusetts and Northeastern and member of the NCAA Hockey Hockey Committee).

“Coach Jackson knows more about the game of hockey than any other coach that I’ve ever played for. His knowledge of the game is second to none. He knows what it takes to win at the collegiate level. He’s definitely a great teacher and knows what each player needs to do to get better. Hockey is his life. This is a great step for the program at Notre Dame.”

– **Brett Lebda**

A 2004 Notre Dame graduate who came through the U.S. program with Jeff Jackson as coach.

Associate Head Coach



**Paul
Pooley**

**Associate
Head Coach
Fourth Season
Ohio State '84**

Paul Pooley returns for his fourth season at Notre Dame as the team's associate head coach. He was named to the position on June 3, 2005, by head coach Jeff Jackson.

For Pooley, this is his second time serving as Jackson's associate head coach. During his first stint at Lake Superior State (1992-94), Pooley was instrumental in the Lakers' success as they advanced to the NCAA finals three times, winning in 1992 and 1994.

In just three seasons at Notre Dame, Pooley, along with Jackson and fellow assistant, Andy Slaggert, has helped change the culture of Irish hockey.

After a 13-19-4 first season, Pooley has seen the last two Notre Dame teams go a combined 59-23-7, win the school's first-ever CCHA title (2006-07) and advance to the program's first Frozen Four and NCAA title game (2007-08). The 59 wins over the last two seasons ties the Irish with Michigan in that category.

Overseeing the Irish defense, Pooley has seen Notre Dame give up the fewest goals per game (1.67 in '06-'07) and the fifth fewest (2.13 in '07-'08) goals over the last two campaigns.

The veteran coach joined the Irish staff after spending 11 seasons (1994-2005) as head coach at Providence College. During those 11 seasons, Pooley's Friars were a combined 185-187-40, winning the Hockey East title in 1995-96 and appearing in two NCAA tournaments (1996 and 2001).

In making the announcement of Pooley's hiring, Jackson said, "Paul Pooley brings a certain level of integrity, work ethic and professionalism that I have great respect for. Our relationship in the past became a friendship, but our experience in the past will stay in the past. We're hoping to re-establish a new center of excellence similar to the one that we had at Lake Superior State together."

As Jackson's associate head coach, Pooley brings 20 years of coaching experience to Notre Dame.

The 2001 Hockey East and New England coach of the year and a two-time finalist for the Spencer Penrose Award as the national coach of the year, Pooley was instrumental in the development of four All-American players during his tenure at Providence - forwards Chad Quenneville and Devin Rask, goaltender Nolan Schaefer and defenseman Stephen Wood. Six players who played for him with the Friars - Hal Gill, Joe Hulbig, Fernando Pisani, Mike Farrell, Jon DeSalvatore and Schaefer went on to play in the NHL.

At Notre Dame, he was instrumental in a pair of defensemen - Noah Babin (Carolina) and Wes O'Neill (Colorado) - signing NHL contracts following the 2006-07 season while 2008 grad, Brock Sheahan signed this past summer with the AHL's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

A 1984 Ohio State graduate (Cum Laude in accounting and marketing), Pooley got his start in college coaching at his alma mater, serving as an assistant to Jerry Welsh with the Buckeyes for three seasons (1988-91) following the end of his professional career.

No stranger to the CCHA, Pooley was one of the conference's top players from 1980-84 and was a second-team selection to the conference's all-decade team of the 1980's. A three-time member of the CCHA's all-Academic team, he took Academic All-American honors in 1984.

A second-team all-CCHA selection in 1981, he also was selected as the CCHA's co-rookie of the year that season. Pooley capped his brilliant Ohio State career in 1984 as he was selected as the CCHA player of the year and Bauer's national player of the year, leading the nation in scoring with 32 goals and 64 assists for 96 points in 41 games. Selected first team all-CCHA and first team All-American as a senior, Pooley is Ohio State's all-time leader in goals (114), assists (156) and points (270) and joined the Ohio State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. He became the first Ohio State hockey player to have his number retired on Nov. 4, 2006 during a game between Notre Dame and the Buckeyes.

A native of Exeter, Ont., Pooley signed with the NHL's Winnipeg Jets following his collegiate



Paul Pooley teams with head coach Jeff Jackson and assistant Andy Slaggert to give Notre Dame one of the top coaching staffs in all of college hockey. He is in his second stint with Jackson as the duo teamed up to guide Lake Superior State to two NCAA titles in 1992 and 1994.

career and played two seasons with the Jets top farm team, the Sherbrooke Canadiens of the American Hockey League, playing on a Calder Cup championship team in 1985. He moved on to play one season with the Fort Wayne Komets of the International Hockey League where he was co-captain of a Komet team that won the 1987 regular season championship. In his three seasons as a pro, Pooley played in 15 NHL games with the Jets. He retired in 1987 to go into private business with his twin brother, Perry, also an Ohio State hockey All-American.

Born August 2, 1960, Pooley and his wife, Kelly, have two children - 14-year old Scott and 11-year old Taylor.

All-Time Notre Dame Assistant Hockey Coaches

Name	Seasons	Years
Tim McNeill	6	1968-75
Kevin Hoene	3	1972-75
Ric Schafer	5	1975-80
Terry Fairholm	3	1980-83
Len Moher	3	1980-83
Jeff Perry	1	1981-82
Tom Carroll	14	1985-99
Scott Gosselin	4	1988-92
Jim Johnson	1	1992-93
Andy Slaggert	16	1993-Present
John Micheletto	4	1999-03
Layne LeBel	2	2003-05
Paul Pooley, Associate Head Coach	4	2005- Present



Associate Coach



Andy Slaggert

**Associate Coach
16th Season
Notre Dame '89**



Associate coach Andy Slaggert is in his 16th season at Notre Dame. The hard-working Slaggert oversees the highly successful recruiting efforts for the Irish hockey program.

Andy Slaggert, a two-time hockey monogram winner for the Irish, begins his 16th season as a coach with the Notre Dame hockey program and his first as associate coach as he was promoted to the position this past summer.

Slaggert is one of just two individuals to be involved with the Notre Dame hockey program for 18-plus seasons (see chart below) and holds the unique distinction of having played for the first two coaches of the modern era of Notre Dame – Lefty Smith and Ric Schafer – while also serving as an assistant for Schafer, Dave Poulin and Jeff Jackson.

A tireless worker with a keen eye for talent, Slaggert coordinates the program's highly successful recruiting plan that includes on-and-off campus recruiting and the observation and evaluation of prospective student-athletes.

Under Jackson, he works with the team's penalty-killing unit on a group and individual basis. That unit has been ranked among the top best in the nation (first in 2006-07 and third in 2007-08) in each of the last two seasons.

In announcing the addition of Slaggert to his staff, Jackson said, "I'm extremely excited to be able to retain Andy Slaggert who I believe has done a tremendous job over the last several years at Notre Dame. The combination of Andy and Paul (Pooley) will give us one of the most recognized coaching staffs in the country. And, in the end, my hope is that we will have one of the most successful staffs in the country. Andy is someone who can lead Paul and I through the process of becoming more familiar with Notre Dame and, in turn, his passion for this University will rub off on both of us. That will give us the combination of experience and the element of pride in what this University represents."

During Slaggert's 15 previous seasons as an assistant, he has been involved in the recruiting of 25 players who were selected in the National Hockey League Draft including five players in 2007 and one in 2008.

That group includes the first-ever, first-round draft choice for the Irish, defenseman Ian Cole who was selected by St. Louis with the 18th pick overall. Cole was joined by fellow defenseman Teddy Ruth, forwards Ryan Thang and Ben Ryan and goaltender Brad Phillips in the 2007 Draft and defenseman Sean Lorenz in 2008. They join Erik Condra and Kyle Lawson to give Notre Dame eight NHL draft choices on the roster.

The Irish also have had 21 players from the U.S. National Team Development Program matriculate to Notre Dame, with 10 playing for the U.S. Junior National Team in the World Junior Championships.

The energetic and hard-working assistant has been highly involved with coaching on the national level since 1997.

During the summer of 2004, Slaggert reached his highest level, when he was named head coach of the U.S. Under-17 select team that went on to finish second at the Five Nations Tournament in Halle, Germany. The previous year (2003), the veteran assistant got his first taste of coaching with USA Hockey at the international level when he served as an assistant coach on the U.S. Under-18 Select team that captured the gold medal at the Under-18 World Cup held in the Czech Republic.

During the summers of 2002-05, the native of Saginaw, Mich., served as head coach at the United States Select 15 tournament held at St. Cloud State.

Since 1997, Slaggert has been involved in coaching Michigan Select teams. During the summer of 2000, he coached the Michigan Select 15 Junior Olympic Festival Team. In 1998, he served as a head coach at the Michigan State Select 16 Festival helping evaluate players who were competing for a chance to play in the national tournament. In June, he served as the head coach for the Michigan Select 16 Team that skated to the bronze medal at the National Select 16 Festival in Ann Arbor, Mich.

In the summer of 1997, Slaggert served as an assistant coach for Team Michigan at the United States Select 15 Festival. From 1997 to 2004 he served as a head coach and evaluator at the Michigan State Bantam Camp in Big Rapids, Mich.

Slaggert also was the primary moving force behind the Notre Dame hockey program's PowerPlay Run/Walk to benefit the fight against cancer.

The 39-year-old Slaggert received his bachelor of arts degree from Notre Dame in 1989. He then went on to earn his master's degree in physical education from Ohio University in 1991.

A right wing for the Irish from 1986-89, Slaggert totaled seven goals and six assists over 55 games during his three-year Notre Dame career.

Slaggert's first venture into coaching came in 1989 with the Amerisport International European Hockey Tour and returned to Notre Dame in 1992.

Slaggert and his wife Tara were married in the summer of 1996. The couple resides in South Bend with their sons, Graham (9), Landon (6) and Carter (4).

Most Combined Notre Dame Hockey Seasons

Name	Seasons	Years
Lefty Smith, head coach	19	1968-87
Andy Slaggert player ('86-'89), assistant/associate coach ('93-present)	18	1986-89, 1993-present
Ric Schafer player ('70-'74), assistant coach ('75-'80), head coach ('87-'95)	17	1975-80
Tom Carroll, assistant coach	14	1985-99
Dave Poulin player ('78-'82), head coach ('95-2005)	13	1978-82, 1995-05

Support Staff



Mike McNeill

Volunteer Assistant Coach Third Season Notre Dame '88

Former Notre Dame hockey standout Mike McNeill is in his third season as a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater.

McNeill has had Notre Dame in his blood since he was a youngster. His family moved to South Bend from Winona, Minn., when his father, Tim McNeill, became the Irish hockey program's first assistant coach under Lefty Smith in 1968.

A product of the local youth hockey and St. Joseph's High School program, McNeill came to Notre Dame where he was a two-sport athlete (also playing baseball) and member of the hockey team from 1984-88. A two-time Irish captain, McNeill remains among the top offensive players in the school's history. He ranks fifth all-time in

points (198), is eighth in goals (83), fifth in assists (115), third in power-play goals (31) and tied for the lead in short-handed goals with seven. His 72 points during the 1987-88 season are the third-best single-season point mark while his 28 goals tie for 11th and 44 assists rank him fourth.

A finance major at Notre Dame, McNeill was a supplemental pick in the 1988 draft by the St. Louis Blues. That began a professional career that would cover 12 seasons and take him to the International Hockey League (IHL), the American Hockey League (AHL), the National Hockey League (NHL) and the German Elite League.

He began his career with the IHL's Ft. Wayne Komets in 1988-89 and had 27 goals and 35 assists for 62 points. That led the Chicago Blackhawks to sign the high-scoring forward and send him to the Indianapolis Ice for the 1989-90 campaign where he had 17 goals and 24 assists for 41 points. He helped Indianapolis to the Turner Cup title that year and won the N.R. "Bud" Poile Trophy as the playoff most valuable player, scoring six goals with four assists in 14 games.

The following year, McNeill split the season between Indianapolis and Chicago, appearing in 23 games before being traded at the trading deadline to the Quebec Nordiques where he played in 14 games, finishing the year with four goals and seven assists in 37 NHL games.

He split the following season between Quebec and Halifax in the AHL, seeing action in 26 games for the Nordiques. In 63 NHL games, McNeill had five goals and 11 assists for 16 points.

In 1992-93, McNeill moved back to the IHL and the Milwaukee Admirals where he would play the next six seasons for former Irish hockey standout, Phil Wittliff. The Admirals advanced to the Turner Cup playoffs in all six seasons. During the six years (1992-98), McNeill played in 452 games with 97 goals and 110 assists for 207 career points. In 43 playoff games, he added eight goals and four assists for 12 more points.

From Milwaukee, McNeill played two seasons in Germany for the Revier



Mike McNeill is an eight-year member of USA Hockey and is a member of the Youth Council's Executive Committee.

Lions before retiring following the 1999-2000 campaign.

Since then, McNeill has been heavily involved in youth coaching and developing the game at the grass roots level. He has been involved in youth hockey in Vail, Colo., and Milwaukee, Wis., coaching at the minor and high school level.

Since returning to South Bend, McNeill has worked at the Ice Box, a local rink, developing clinics and programs for the IYHL, local high schools and senior leagues in the area. His work with the IYHL and the high schools take him back to his local hockey roots as these are the same programs that he played in growing up and were started with the assistance of Lefty Smith and his father, Tim.

He has been involved with USA Hockey for eight years and serves on the Youth Council's Executive Committee. On the coaching level, McNeill has twice assisted current Irish assistant coach Andy Slaggert in coaching the Michigan Select 15 team at the national tournament.

McNeill and his wife, Michelle, have one son, Michael (6) and reside in South Bend.



Mike McNeill (right) presents his father, Tim McNeill, with a Notre Dame hockey jersey as the program's first honorary alumni award winner following the 2005-06 season. Mike is in his third season as the team's volunteer assistant coach. His father served six years as an assistant at Notre Dame from 1968-75.





Tom Nevala

**Associate
Athletics Director
Hockey Administrator
Ninth Season
Notre Dame '90**

Tom Nevala is in his fourth year as associate athletics director after serving the previous five years as assistant athletic director for business in the University of Notre Dame department of athletics.

Nevala oversees all financial matters for athletics - with the equipment, student managers, medical insurance and technology areas also reporting to him. He also is the athletics contact for the department's relationship with adidas - and he also will work closely with senior associate athletics director John Heisler to structure the business aspects of Notre Dame's proposed off-site football games.

A 1990 Notre Dame graduate, Nevala is the day-to-day administrative contact for the Irish hockey program and represents Notre Dame hockey on the Central Collegiate Hockey Association Council. He served as chair of the the CCHA's executive committee in 2006-07, and currently sits on the CCHA's strategic planning committee.

He led the effort for Notre Dame to partner with Fort Wayne to host the Midwest Regional during the 2010 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Tournament, and he is the CCHA's nominee to serve on the NCAA Division 1 Men's Ice Hockey Committee for a four-year term beginning in 2009-10.

Active in campus matters, Nevala is a member of the University's equity in athletics task force, the continuous improvement departmental assessment team, represents athletics on the campus information technology subcommittee, and is a member of the University's business managers group.

Nevala spent five years as the business manager for athletics, following one year as business manager of the Joyce Center and two years as director of the Varsity Shop and ice rink manager for that facility.

During the 1999-2000 academic year, Nevala coordinated the effort to form the Notre Dame alumni football team that traveled to Germany in July of 2000 and defeated the Hamburg Blue Devils in the Charity Bowl. He also served as tournament director of the 1997 BIG EAST Men's Golf Championship.

Nevala graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in aerospace engineering and returned to the University in the fall of 1990 to attend graduate school and work in the athletics business office. He earned his MBA in interdisciplinary studies in May of 1992.

Born Jan. 25, 1968, Nevala was an associate football manager at Notre Dame for the 1989 season and is a native of Maynard, Mass. He is married to the former Jen Turgeon, a 1993 St. Mary's graduate and a native of Brunswick, Maine. They have one daughter, Sofia (3) and a son, Benjamin (1).



Dave Gilbert

**Equipment Manager
11th Season
Lake Superior State '96**

Dave Gilbert enters his 11th season as equipment manager at Notre Dame — but is no stranger to head coach Jeff Jackson.

One of the premier equipment specialists in college hockey, Gilbert was a member of Jackson's 1991-92 NCAA title team as a walk-on goaltender at Lake Superior State. The Marquette, Mich., native served as a back up to a pair of eventual NHL goaltenders - Darrin Madeley and Blaine Lacher - during that championship season.

During his final four years as an undergraduate, Gilbert worked for the Lakers hockey program as a student equipment manager. In that capacity, he was associated with the NCAA runner-up squad in 1992-93, the NCAA championship team of '93-'94, and two other teams that reached the NCAA quarterfinals ('94-'95 and '95-'96).

Gilbert's year-long responsibilities involve overseeing the equipment and travel needs of the Irish hockey program.

He graduated from Lake Superior State in May of '96, with a degree in exercise science,

but remained at the school for the next two years as the head equipment manager for the school's 11 varsity sports.

During his time with the Lakers hockey program, Gilbert was associated with several individuals who remain active in hockey at other levels. Gilbert served under head equipment manager Paul Boyer at Lake Superior State in '92-'93, with Boyer now holding the position of head equipment manager for the Detroit Red Wings.

Besides being reunited with Jackson in '05-'06, Gilbert also rejoined associate head coach Paul Pooley who was also a member of Jackson's staff at Lake Superior from 1992-94 while Gilbert played and worked for the Lakers.

During the summer of 2005, Gilbert was a member of the equipment staff at USA Hockey's Junior National Team tryout camp, held in Lake Placid, N.Y., in August.

Gilbert, and his wife Heather have one son, Dolan (7) and a daughter, Halle (6). They reside in South Bend.

Strength & Conditioning



Tony Rolinski

**Strength and
Conditioning Coach
Sixth Season
Penn State '91**

Tony Rolinski is in his sixth season as the associate director of strength and conditioning at Notre Dame after three years as an assistant strength coach. The 2008-09 season marks his fifth with the Notre Dame hockey program. He also serves as the strength and conditioning coach for the Irish men's and women's basketball programs.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Rolinski joined the Notre Dame staff in 1998 after spending one year (1997-98) at Duquesne University, where he implemented the strength and conditioning programs for 20 varsity sports.

The 39-year old Rolinski is a 1991 graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in health education and a minor in exercise science.

From 1994-96, while earning his Master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Pittsburgh, he served as an intern on the Panther football program staff where he assisted with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program.

Following his stint at Pittsburgh, Rolinski served as the head strength and conditioning coach at North Hills High School in Pittsburgh (1996-97).

He also has earned certifications from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (SCCC) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (CSCSC).

Born December 10, 1968, Rolinski and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Alexis and Jaclyn, and two sons, Jake and Jared.



The Haggar Fitness Center is a 25,000 square-foot strength and conditioning complex where the Irish hockey team is guided by strength and conditioning coach Tony Rolinski.

The 25,000-square foot Haggar Fitness Center (a gift of Ed and Patty Haggar, Joe and Isabell Haggar) is perhaps the most eye-catching feature of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. The fitness complex includes the latest state-of-the-art equipment and is used by all of Notre Dame's 26 varsity athletic sports.

The Notre Dame strength and conditioning program is designed to provide each student athlete with the most productive, effective and efficient means of sports specific physical training. The strength and conditioning staff has a simple philosophy that combines a "no

nonsense" approach with an "old school" attitude.

The staff offers a well-balanced, well-rounded program by incorporating a variety of training methods from conjugate training to Olympic style movements. Everything the staff does is geared toward developing speed, power and strength.

The staff wants to teach Notre Dame student-athletes work ethic, discipline and pride with relentless attitude to strive for, and win, championships.



The Irish stretch before a morning workout at the Haggar Fitness Center.



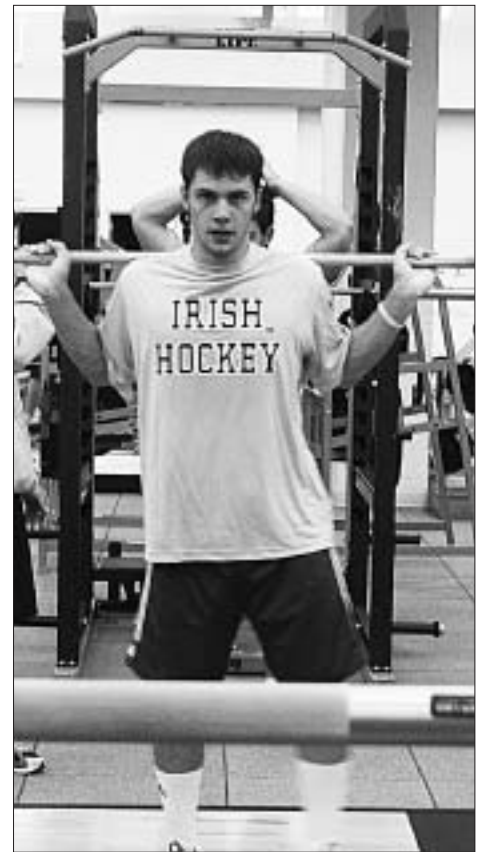


The Guglielmino Center, opened in August of 2005, is the home of the Hagggar Fitness Center – Notre Dame’s strength and conditioning and weight room equipment area for all 800 Irish student-athletes.

When entering the Hagggar Fitness Center (shared by the Loftus Sports Center and the Guglielmino Athletics Complex), student-athletes are quickly reminded of the “roll up your sleeves and get to work” mentality that the staff inspires.

The complex features more than 250 pieces of weight training equipment, six plasma television screens, a state-of-the-art sound system, a three-lane speed development track (40-yards in length), a 45x18-yard Prestige Turf plyometric agility area and a Gatorade hydration station.

The Notre Dame strength and conditioning staff has 10 full-time coaches – Ruben Mendoza, the director of strength and conditioning, associate director Tony Rolinski, assistants Rick Perry, Elisa Angeles, Craig Cheek, Eric Overland, Chris Sandeen, Jim Seacord, sports nutritionist Erika Whitman and speed/development coach Irele Oderinde – providing a large-enough group to meet student-athlete needs. The staff has developed an environment where student-athletes want to come and get better so they can achieve athletic success.



Junior Dan Kissel lifts.



The state-of-the-art equipment available in the Hagggar Fitness Center.

Academic Services



Adam Sargeant

Academic Advisor
Notre Dame '99

Former Irish lacrosse player Adam Sargeant is in his fifth year as the academic advisor for the Notre Dame hockey team. In addition to his responsibilities with hockey, Sargeant also oversees the academic advising duties for football and women's basketball. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling.

A 1999 graduate of Notre Dame with a double major in history and anthropology, Sargeant was a member of the lacrosse team from 1994-97. While playing, the Irish won the Great Western Lacrosse League and advanced to the NCAA tournament three times. During the 1997 campaign, Sargeant started 12 games, helping Notre Dame to a 9-3 mark.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Sargeant is single and resides in South Bend.

Adam Sargeant serves as the academic advisor for the Notre Dame hockey team. Here he meets with senior Garrett Regan to discuss his class schedule for the upcoming semester.



The Coleman-Morse Center is the home to Notre Dame's Academic Services for Student-Athletes. The center houses classrooms, staff offices, a tutoring center, a computer cluster, workrooms and a lounge that are available to all Notre Dame students.

The Academic Services for Student-Athletes Office is designed to help Notre Dame fulfill its commitment to all student-athletes in their pursuit of a college degree and academic excellence. In order to achieve these goals, Academic Services has four major aims: to maintain the academic integrity of the University; to comply with University and NCAA rules and regulations; to maintain the academic good standing of every student-athlete; and to assist every student-athlete to graduate in four years. These objectives work together and are aimed at teaching student-athletes to be responsible for themselves academically.

To this end, Academic Services provides student-athletes many services that begin when freshmen arrive on campus and continue through graduation. The office provides consistent counseling and appropriate interventions regarding academic matters and refers student-athletes to campus offices where they can meet regularly with their professors and use support services provided by the various colleges and departments.

As soon as student-athletes begin classes, Academic Services monitors their progress through professor surveys that ask professors to comment on each student's work level, attendance and any need for tutorial help. If a professor or student-athlete feels there is need for additional help, Academic Services provides tutorial assistance.

In addition to this interaction with the faculty, the members of the Academic Services Office meet with student-athletes to develop a personal relationship. These sessions help develop semester-long and career academic goals. Discussions may include such topics as summer-school attendance, class scheduling and career possibilities.

In 2001, the Academic-Services department received a new home through a generous donation by football alumnus Jim Morse ('57) and his wife, Leah Rae, when the Coleman-Morse Center was completed. A \$14-million building, the James and Leah Rae Morse Center for Academic Services houses Notre Dame's First Year of Studies Program and Academic Services for Student-Athletes. It also contains the University Writing Center and a satellite office for the Center for Social Concerns, plus classrooms, staff offices, a tutoring center, a computer cluster, workrooms and a lounge.

Working alongside the athletic department's Student Welfare and Development office, Academic Services helps coordinate numerous workshops and speakers to assist student-athletes with post-graduate planning and transition into professional careers. Offered in conjunction with the University Counseling Center, workshops cover such topics as stress management, socialization to college life, adjusting to physical trauma and conflict management.





Kevin Ricks

**Assistant
Athletic Trainer
Sixth Season
Western Illinois '99**

Kevin Ricks begins his eighth season as an athletic trainer at Notre Dame and his sixth with the Irish hockey program. He currently serves as the hockey trainer while assisting with football. During his previous seven seasons at Notre Dame, he also has worked with the women's soccer team, women's rowing, women's swimming and diving, men's and women's track and the men's and women's fencing programs.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Ricks worked two years at the University of Mississippi as a graduate assistant athletic trainer, spending one year working with the men's and women's track and field teams and one year working with the football team. He earned his master's degree in exercise science, with an emphasis in biomechanics, from Mississippi in 2001.

He spent the summer of 1999 as an intern at Chicago's Athletico Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy Clinic. In the summer of 1998 he served as a student athletic trainer intern at the St. Louis Rams training camp (in Macomb, IL) and Rams preseason football games.

A native of Peoria, IL; Ricks is a 1999 graduate of Western Illinois University, where he received his degree in athletic training while working with the football, baseball, women's soccer, softball, and tennis teams as a student athletic trainer.

Ricks is a certified member of the National Athletic Training Association.

Ricks and his wife Cheryl have one son, Hunter, who will turn one-year old at the beginning of the season. They reside in South Bend.



Nick Siergiej

**Coordinator of
Hockey Operations
First Season
Wisconsin-River Falls '06**

The newest member of the Notre Dame staff is Nick Siergiej (pronounced SIR-gay) who begins his first season as the program's coordinator of hockey operations. He replaces Brad Aldrich who has moved on to a position with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Siergiej joins the Irish after three seasons as the director of hockey operations at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

With the Irish, Siergiej oversees all aspects of the team's video operations, including filming and editing games and practices to create, maintain and manage a complete statistical and video library for the Notre Dame coaching staff.

He will also serve as the program's marketing, media and service liaison and assists with the daily operations of the hockey program.

During the summer, Siergiej will serve as the assistant director of the highly successful Notre Dame hockey camps.

A native of Eagle River, Wis., he joined the Minnesota-Duluth hockey program in 2006 after spending four years at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where he also served as the director of hockey operations for the Division III power Eagles.

The 25-year old Siergiej handled all the video-related duties with the Bulldogs, including game breakdowns and pre-scouting while assisting the coaching staff with various administrative duties.

A 2006 graduate of Wisconsin-River Falls, Siergiej earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and a Masters degree in education from Minnesota in 2008. A graduate of Northland Pines High School in Eagle River, he was a four-year letter winner in golf. As a senior he was team captain and took team most valuable player honors. While at Northlands, Siergiej was the equipment manager and administrative assistant for the boys' hockey team.

He resides in South Bend.

Support Staff



Tim Connor

**Assistant Sports Information Director
Ninth Year Ohio '82**

Tim Connor, a 1982 graduate of Ohio University, is in his ninth year as a member of the sports information office. He joined the Notre Dame staff in October of 2000 after spending 13 years at Providence College in the marketing, promotions and media relations office including the last six years as director of athletic media relations.

Connor oversees media relations and production of publicity material for the Irish ice hockey program along with women's lacrosse. He also served as co-editor of the Notre Dame football program for three years (2004-06).

During his tenure at Notre Dame, he also worked with the men's and women's golf teams and has served as media coordinator for two NCAA baseball regionals (2002 and 2004).

At Providence College, Connor spent his first seven years as the primary contact for men's and women's ice hockey, baseball, lacrosse, golf, cross country and track while assisting with men's basketball. In 1994, he was promoted to sports information director where he oversaw the publicity and game day operations for the men's basketball program along with baseball, women's soccer and golf.

During his time in Providence, Connor was actively involved in Providence College's hosting of several NCAA tournaments. He was a member of the local organizing committee that helped bring NCAA hockey tournaments to the Providence Civic Center and served as media coordinator for the 1992 NCAA Hockey East Regionals and 1996 NCAA Hockey Frozen Four. In the spring of 2000, Connor served as the director of venue operations for the 2000 NCAA Frozen Four. He was also the media coordinator for the 1995 NCAA Basketball first and second rounds hosted by Providence College.

Prior to his work at Providence, Connor spent three years in Glens Falls, N.Y., where he served as director of marketing and media relations for the Adirondack Red Wings of the American Hockey League and the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Born July 20, 1959, the Bethel Park, Pa., native began his career in public/media relations in 1984 when he spent one year at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. as assistant sports information director where he oversaw the publicity of the Crusaders' men's Olympic sports programs.

Connor graduated from Ohio University with a degree in communications. He spent three years as a student assistant in the sports information office and handled a variety of duties for the school's club hockey program. Following graduation, Connor remained at Ohio where he received his master's in sports administration in November 1983.

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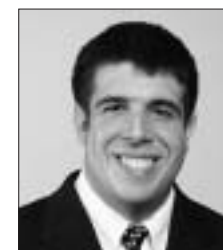
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