



ND 2005-06

Season Preview

**Senior right wing
Tim Wallace enters the
2005-06 season having
played in 117
consecutive games
to hold the
Notre Dame record
for consecutive
games played. He
has not missed a
game in his first
three seasons with
the Irish.**

2005-06 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ... 2004-05 stats)

Matt Amado (Sr., C, 31 GP, 5-7-12).....	Speedy center with excellent playmaking skills
Tony Gill (Sr., LW, 26 GP, 2-0-2).....	Energy player who is one of team's hardest-working players
Chris Trick (Sr., D, 37 GP, 3-6-9).....	Steady, stay-at-home defenseman with good size
Tim Wallace (Sr., RW, 38 GP, 5-9-14).....	Hard-working RW who enters the season having played in 117 consecutive games
Mike Walsh (Sr., LW, 36 GP, 2-8-10).....	Will look to regain his 2003-04 scoring touch; one of CCHA's top power forwards
Noah Babin (Sr., D, 38 GP, 5-6-11).....	Set career highs in goals (5), assists (6) and points (11) as a sophomore
Michael Bartlett (Sr., LW, 38 GP, 2-6-8).....	Strong two-way player; one of Notre Dame's top defensive forwards
David Brown (Sr., G, 15 GP, 2-10-1, 4.30, .870 sv%).....	Will look to regain freshman form as Irish go-to-guy in goal
T.J. Jindra (Sr., RW, 38 GP, 4-5-9).....	Solid, two-way forward; outstanding shot blocker and penalty killer
Wes O'Neill (Sr., D, 38 GP, 6-14-20).....	Team's top returning scorer; talented defenseman who continues to improve
Jason Paige (Sr., C, 37 GP, 4-3-7).....	Tough, tenacious forward who is team's top face-off man
Josh Sciba (Sr., C, 35 GP, 6-4-10).....	Tied O'Neill for team goal lead with six; has great hands and moves around net
Evan Rankin (So., RW, 36 GP, 5-5-10).....	Top freshman scorer; has excellent offensive skills and a nose for the net
Luke Lucyk (So., D, 33 GP, 1-1-2).....	Big physical defender who continues to improve
Victor Oreskovich (So., C, 37 GP, 1-2-3).....	Big, talented forward who will move to center in his sophomore year
Brock Sheahan (So., D, 36 GP, 0-4-4).....	Smooth, skating defender who moves the puck well in his own zone
Mark Van Guilder (So., LW, 38 GP, 3-5-8).....	Strong skater with good puckhandling skills; saw time on Irish power play
Dan VeNard (So., D, 25 GP, 1-1-2).....	Solid, all-around defender who plays a consistent game

Key Losses (yr., pos., ... 2004-05 stats)

Morgan Cey (Gr., G, 27 GP, 3-17-5, 2.99, .912 sv%).....	Team MVP; holds Irish career records for GAA (2.79), SV. PCT (.912) and ShO (6)
Cory McLean (Gr., RW, 38 GP, 5-17-22).....	Led team in scoring as a senior; was CCHA scholar-athlete of the year
Joe Zurenko (Gr., D, 28 GP, 0-1-1).....	Physical defenseman who split time on blue line and at right wing

Top Newcomers (Pos., Class, Ht./Wt... Hometown/Previous Team)

Erik Condra	F ... Fr ... 5-11/184 ... Livonia, MI/Lincoln Stars (USHL)
Christian Hanson	F ... Fr ... 6-4/202 ... Venetia, PA/Tri-City Storm (USHL)
Jordan Pearce	G ... Fr ... 6-1/201 ... Anchorage, AK/Lincoln Stars (USHL)
Garrett Regan	F ... Fr ... 5-11/178 ... Hastings, MN/Waterloo Black Hawks (USHL)
Tom Sawatske	D ... Jr ... 5-11/190 ... Duluth, MN/Wisconsin (WCHA)/Lincoln Stars (USHL)
Jamie Silverson	D ... Fr ... 6-4/222 ... Thunder Bay, ONT/Salmon Arm Silverbacks (BCHL)
Justin White	F ... Fr ... 6-0/184 ... Traverse City, MI/Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)

ALL TIED UP - The Fighting Irish have been involved in 49 overtime games since the start of the 1999-2000 season. In those games, they are 7-6-36. During the 2004-05 season, Notre Dame played in nine overtime contests, going 1-2-6 in those games. The lone overtime win came on Dec. 10 versus Michigan State and was the first regular-season overtime win since Jan. 25, 2002, snapping a 16-game winless (0-2-14) skid in regular-season overtime games. Notre Dame's season ended in an overtime loss as the Irish fell 1-0 in overtime to Michigan in game two of the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

BACK BEHIND THE BENCH - Notre Dame head coach **Jeff Jackson** returns to collegiate coaching with the Irish for the first time since leaving Lake Superior State following the 1995-96 season. In six years with the Lakers, Jackson compiled a 182-52-25 career record with two national championships, two CCHA regular-season titles and four CCHA tournament championships. The veteran coach is the NCAA's winningest active coach with at least five years experience with a .751 winning percentage. His 182 career wins (in just six seasons) ranks him 23rd among active coaches. Included in his 182 wins are 36 postseason victories and a .837 winning percentage (36-7 in postseason). In CCHA postseason action, Jackson's teams were 24-2 (.923) with the two losses coming to Michigan in CCHA Championship games ('94 and '96).

BEATING THE BEST: In each of the last two seasons, the Irish have faced a No. 1 ranked team and each year they've come away with a victory. In 2004-05, Notre Dame knocked off the No. 1 ranked Boston College Eagles in South Bend by a 3-2 score. The previous year, the Irish traveled to Chestnut Hill, Mass., and knocked off the top-ranked Eagles, 1-0, with current junior goaltender **David Brown** turning in the shutout. Here's the list of Irish wins versus top-ranked teams in the 38-year history of the program.

- 10/22/04 - vs. Boston College, 3-2
- 10/23/03 - at Boston College, 1-0
- 1/3/99 - at North Dakota, 4-3
- 11/20/78 - at Minnesota, 3-2
- 1/13/78 - vs. Denver, 5-3
- 1/18/74 - vs. Michigan Tech, 7-1
- 2/24/73 - vs. Wisconsin, 4-3
- 2/23/73 - vs. Wisconsin, 8-5

CCHA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE - Former Notre Dame team captain, **Cory McLean** ('05) was selected as the CCHA's first-ever Scholar-Athlete of the Year award winner following the 2004-05 season. McLean was selected from a list of 11 nominees from other CCHA schools by the league's faculty representatives. McLean was a five-time Dean's List selection and graduated with a degree in Finance from the Mendoza College of Business with a 3.592 grade-point average. He led the Irish in scoring with five goals and 17 assists for 22 points on the season. To be considered for the CCHA Scholar-Athlete Award, a player had to have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 through the fall term of

the selection year to receive the school's Scholar-Athlete award. The award is selected by the 12 faculty representatives, voting based on a system awarding five points for a first-place vote, three points for a second-place vote and one point for a third-place vote. Previously, the CCHA honored an all-Academic team that saw the Irish have at least one honoree in all but one season (2002-03) since their return to the CCHA in '92-'93. The nine first-team selections are:

Curtis Janicke and **Carl Picconatto** ('92-'93), **Garry Gruber** ('95-'96), **Steve Noble** ('96-'97, '97-'98), **Forrest Karr** and **Aniket Dhadphale** ('98-'99), **Andy Jurkowski** ('99-'00), **Dan Carlson** (2000-01), **David Inman** (2001-02) and **Rob Globke** (2003-04). During that 12-year span, only Western Michigan (14) produced more CCHA All-Academic selections than Notre Dame's 11.

DROP THE PUCK - Notre Dame officially open the 2005-06 season on Tues., Sept. 6 when the Irish hosted their first-ever "Drop The Puck Dinner" at the Joyce Center featuring guest speaker **Scotty Bowman**. Over 400 fans attended and had the chance skate on the Joyce Center ice, meet and greet the '05-'06 team and then hear the legendary hockey coach talk hockey with the players, coaches and fans in attendance. Bowman, who won nine Stanley Cups in his illustrious coaching career, was also invited by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis to address his team at practice on Sept. 6, just four days prior to the upset win at Michigan.



Academics Job One

In addition to serving as one of the top up-and-coming programs in the nation, the Notre Dame hockey team also has excelled in the classroom.

- The hockey team posted a 3.185 team grade-point-average in the spring of 2005 semester. Seventeen players had 3.0 grade points or better while 14 were 3.2 or higher, including two 4.0 semesters by freshmen **Brian D'Arcy** and **Andrew Eggert**. For the year, the squad had a 3.199 cumulative team GPA at the end of the 2004-05 academic year.

- Six players on the 2004-05 team posted at least one Dean's List semester, including two who made the Dean's List in both the fall of '04 and the spring of '05. Freshmen **Brian D'Arcy** and **Andrew Eggert** made it in both semesters with D'Arcy posting two 4.0 semesters. Eggert had a 4.0 in the spring after getting a 3.933 grade-point average in the fall. The returning player who turned in a Dean's List semester in 2004-05 is sophomore **Brock Sheahan** (spring semester).

- The three-man class of 2005 graduated with an average cumulative GPA of 3.19, led by **Cory McLean's 3.59** mark. McLean was winner of hockey's Rockne Scholar-Athlete Award following the season and was the winner of the CCHA's first-ever scholar-athlete award.

- Notre Dame hockey players have combined to post 17 perfect 4.0 semesters during the past 10 years, including five by 1998 graduate **Steve Noble**, three by 2000 graduate **Andy Jurkowski** (including both terms of his senior year), two by 2004 graduate **T.J. Mathieson**, two by sophomore **Brian D'Arcy** (both semesters of freshman year) and one each by sophomore **Andrew Eggert** and '01 captain **Ryan Dolder**.

- Notre Dame's hockey program has produced five Academic All-Americans over the previous eight seasons: Noble in 1996-97 and '97-98, **Forrest Karr** in '98-99, Jurkowski in 1999-2000 and **Dan Carlson** in 2000-01 ... **David Inman**, a 2002 graduate, was selected to the Region V all-Academic team but did not make the national squad.

FAMILY MATTERS - Two incoming freshmen - forwards **Erik Condra** (Livonia, Mich.) and **Garrett Regan** (Hastings, Minn.) - join seniors **Rory Walsh** (Milton, Mass.) and **Mike Walsh** (Northville, Mich.) as Irish hockey players with family ties to Notre Dame athletics. Condra's uncle is All-American forward Kirt Bjork ('83) who played at Notre Dame from 1979-83. He scored 76 goals with 85 assists for 161 career points in 141 career games. Bjork took All-American honors in 1983 when he had 29 goals and 34 assists for 63 points. Regan's uncle - Sean Regan - was a defenseman for the Irish from 1981-83 before finishing his career at the University of Minnesota. In two seasons, Regan had eight goals and 34 assists for 42 points in 60 games. Rory Walsh's father, Brian ('77), was an all-American hockey player for the Irish. A center iceman, the elder Walsh is Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer after recording 234 career points on 89 goals and 145 assists. Mike Walsh's father, Max ('74), was an offensive lineman on the Notre Dame football team and a member of the 1973 national championship team. Rory Walsh is one of Notre Dame's goaltenders and Walsh plays left wing for the Irish.

FOUR OF SIX - Notre Dame has advanced to Joe Louis Arena and the CCHA finals in four of the last six seasons (2000, 2002, 2003, 2004). Only two other CCHA teams - Michigan and Michigan State - have been there all six years since the 1999-2000 campaign.

FROZEN TUNDRA - Notre Dame has had a steady flow of players in recent years that played their junior hockey with the Green Bay Gamblers of the United State's Hockey League. Four members of the current Notre Dame team have played in the Land of Lombardi. The trio is led by junior defencemen **Noah Babin** (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) and **Wes O'Neill** (Essex, Ont.). The defensive duo were teammates there during the '02-'03 season. Two former

Gamblers are members of the Irish sophomore class - center **Victor Oreskovich** (Oakville, Ont.) and defenseman **Dan VeNard** (Vernon Hills, Ill). Oreskovich played one season in Green Bay ('03-'04) while VeNard was a Gambler from 2001-04.

GREAT GUEST - NHL legend Wayne Gretzky was one of the biggest hits during the pep rally held prior to the Notre Dame home football game during the 1999 season. Gretzky - who addressed the Oct. 15, 1999 pep rally (on the Friday night before the USC game) - was a huge fan favorite at the Joyce Center that night and was presented with a No. 99 Notre Dame football jersey. He brought the crowd to its feet when informing them that he would have attended Notre Dame if not for the early track of his professional career, in Canadian junior hockey.



Wayne Gretzky

HOME AWAY FROM HOME - During the 2004-05 season, Notre Dame played a pair of home games away from home and turned in record "home" crowds at each venue. On Jan. 22, the Irish faced off against No. 5 Wisconsin at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. The game, played during a Chicago blizzard, drew a crowd of 8,173 in a game won by the Badgers, 2-0. Less than a month later, on Feb. 18, the Irish played for the first time at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind. versus No. 6 Michigan. That game drew a crowd of 7,948 as the Wolverines prevailed, 9-2. The two crowds were the largest to ever see the Irish play at "home" in the program's history.

HOMETOWNS - The 2005-06 Notre Dame hockey team features players from eight states and three Canadian provinces - Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario. Over the past 10 years, Notre Dame hockey letter winners have hailed from 20 different states and provinces - those listed below, plus: Colorado, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

**2005-06 NOTRE DAME HOCKEY
- BY STATE OR PROVINCE:**

Michigan (8): Chris Trick, Mike Walsh, Jason Paige, Josh Sciba, Andrew Eggert, Evan Rankin, Erik Condra, Justin White

Minnesota (5): Tony Gill, T.J. Jindra, Tom Sawatske, Mark Van Guilder, Garrett Regan

Illinois (3): Michael Bartlett, Brian D'Arcy, Dan VeNard

Ontario (4): David Brown, Wes O'Neill, Victor Oreskovich, Jamie Silverson

Alaska (2): Tim Wallace, Jordan Pearce

Alberta (2): Matt Williams-Kovacs, Brock Sheahan

British Columbia (1): Matt Amado

Florida (1): Noah Babin

Massachusetts (1): Rory Walsh

Pennsylvania (1): Christian Hanson

Wisconsin (1): Luke Lucyk



Scotty Bowman poses with the Notre Dame hockey team following the Sept. 6th "Drop The Puck" Dinner that opened the 2005-06 season for the Irish.



Notre Dame Hockey By The Numbers

6,901

Career minutes played by goaltender **Lance Madson** (1986-90)

2,763

The largest crowd to watch Notre Dame hockey (Nov. 1, 2002; Notre Dame versus Boston College) at the Joyce Center since March 3, 1995, when the seating was reconfigured. That number has been duplicated seven other times since that game. Capacity at the Joyce Center now is 2,763 for hockey

1968

First varsity hockey season of the modern area

1912

First varsity hockey season

307

Career coaching wins by **Lefty Smith**, in 19 seasons at Notre Dame

193:27

David Brown's consecutive shut out minutes streak set from Oct. 17 through Nov. 8, 2003. Brown recorded the streak over a five-game span that included three consecutive shutouts (vs. Bowling Green, Boston College and Nebraska-Omaha). The three consecutive shut outs and the consecutive minutes are both Notre Dame records

117

The number of consecutive games played by Notre Dame's all-time "Iron Man" **Tim Wallace** through the 2004-05 season. Wallace, a senior in 2005-06, has not missed a game in his Irish hockey career.

104

ND record for career goals, set by **Greg Meredith** (1976-80) after scoring twice in his final game to beat **Eddie Bumbacco's** (1970-74) previous record of 103

85

All-time Notre Dame hockey letterwinners from the state of Minnesota

80:40

The elapsed time of the longest game in Notre Dame hockey history (March 8, 2002). Nebraska-Omaha's Jeff Hoggan scored 40 seconds into the second overtime to give the Mavericks a 3-2 win in game one of the CCHA playoff series. Notre Dame went on to win the series, two games to one



Irish goaltender **Morgan Cey** (back row, second from left) was Notre Dame's winner of the Perani Cup. Here he is with each team's selections: Back Row - Jeff Jakaitis, Lake Superior; Morgan Cey, Notre Dame; Dominic Vicari, Michigan State; Vince Brooks, Perani's Hockey World; Marty Guerin, Miami; Tuomas Tarkki, Northern Michigan; Chris Holt, Nebraska-Omaha. Front Row - Wylie Rogers, Alaska Fairbanks; Derek Nesbitt, Ferris State; Jordan Sigale, Bowling Green; T.J. Hensick, Michigan; Matt Beaudoin, Ohio State. Sigale was the overall champion.

IRON MAN - Junior right wing **Tim Wallace** (Anchorage, Alaska) has played in all 117 games during his first three seasons at Notre Dame. He became Notre Dame's all-time "Iron Man," passing former defenseman Evan Nielsen ('03) who held the record with 114 games between 2000-03. Nielsen missed just two games in his career, playing in 156 of a possible 158 games.

MONOGRAM CLUB - Former Notre Dame hockey player **Dave Bossy** (Beaconsfield, Quebec) just finished a three-year term on the Monogram Club's board of directors. His term ran from 2002 through 2005. Bossy played for **Lefty Smith** in the mid-70's.



Dave Bossy

The Notre Dame National Monogram Club, is an organization of former Irish varsity letter winners that sponsors a number of wide-ranging programs that benefit former and current Notre Dame student-athletes.

MORGAN CEY - Notre Dame's graduated goaltender finished his Irish career as the school's all-time leader in goals-against average (2.79), save percentage (.912) and shutouts (6). The Wilkie, Sask., native became the first Notre Dame goaltender in the 38-year history of the program to record four consecutive years with a goals-against average under 3.00. For his career, Cey is second in games played (112), second in minutes played (6,465:04), second in saves (3,146) and sixth in wins (38). The talented puck stopper will continue his career as he signed in August with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

MOVING ON - Over the last two seasons, Notre Dame has seen six of its players sign contracts with National Hockey League teams. Only Michigan with seven and Minnesota with six have as many or more NHL signees. This past summer, goaltender **Morgan Cey** (Wilkie, Sask.) and former Irish forward **Yan Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo.) signed with the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Edmonton Oilers respectively. They joined 2003-04

signees - **Neil Komadoski** (Ottawa Senators), **Brett Lebda** (Detroit Red Wings), **Aaron Gill** (San Jose Sharks) and **Rob Globke** (Florida Panthers). Komadoski, Globke and Stastny were selected in the NHL Draft (Stastny was a Boston Bruin pick) while Cey, Gill and Lebda were free-agent signees. Stastny played at Notre Dame from 2001-03 before going to Germany to play professional hockey. He would have been a senior in 2004-05.

NCAA SILVER ANNIVERSARY AWARD - Former Notre Dame hockey All-American, **Greg Meredith** (1976-80) was one of six former NCAA athletes to receive an NCAA Silver Anniversary Award at the NCAA Convention in Dallas, Tex., Jan. 9, 2005. The Silver Anniversary Award recognizes former student-athletes who have distinguished themselves since completing their college careers



Greg Meredith '80 (left) receives the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award from his former Notre Dame coach, **Lefty Smith** at the 2005 NCAA Awards Banquet in Dallas, Texas.



25 years ago. Meredith is Notre Dame's all-time leading goal scorer with 104 goals in 149 career games. He is also tops in power-play goals (43) and seventh in all-time points with 192 for his career. He is just one of two players ever to score 40 goals in a season (1979-80) at Notre Dame. A four-year letterwinner with the Irish, Meredith was a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship and was an NCAA postgraduate scholarship recipient. He is currently the managing director for Putnam Lovell NBF Securities Inc., and has held positions with Salomon Brothers, Inc., Nationsbanc Capital Markets, Inc., and Fenway Partners, Inc. From 2001 to 2003, he served as president and chief executive officer at HSBC Capital and was also president and CEO of Printvision, a software company from 2002-03. In addition, Meredith is the founder and president of Proctor Capital, a private investment and strategic advisory firm. He played four years in the NHL for the Calgary Flames and was an assistant coach at Harvard. Meredith currently coaches the St. David's hockey program for boys and girls between 9 and 11 years of age. He formed the Meredith Family Foundation in 1997, which contributes to programs such as the LOGAN Center, which provides services to individuals with intellectual disabilities, the St. Joseph's County Special Olympics, and Camp Millhouse, a summer camp for children with significant intellectual disabilities. In addition, the organization funds educational initiatives including the Paul E. Meredith scholarships at Notre Dame. Meredith is the 10th former Irish athlete to receive the award that was started in 1973.

NCAA ACTION - The Notre Dame Fighting Irish hockey team had a season to remember in 2003-04. The Irish advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's 36-year history with a 20-15-4 overall record. In their first trip to the tournament, the Irish dropped a 5-2 decision to two-time NCAA defending champion Minnesota in the Grand Rapids Regional.

NHL DRAFTEES - This past August, the Irish had one player selected in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft. That player - **Kyle Lawson** (New Hudson, Mich.) - was a seventh round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes, 198th overall. Lawson signed a national letter-of-intent to attend Notre Dame during the early-signing period in Nov. of 2004. He then deferred until the start of the 2006-07 school year. Lawson will play this season in the United States Hockey League with the Tri-City Storm. The Irish have four players on this year's roster - senior **Mike Walsh** (New York Rangers), juniors **Wes O'Neill** (New York Islanders) and **David Brown** (Pittsburgh Penguins) and sophomore **Victor Oreskovich** (Colorado Avalanche) - who have been drafted by NHL teams.

PUTTING ON THE FOIL - Notre Dame freshman **Christian Hanson** (Venetia, Pa.) becomes the sixth player to play for the Irish whose father played in the National Hockey League. His father, **Dave Hanson**, played 10 years of professional hockey between 1974-75 and 1983-84, including stints with the Detroit Red Wings and the Minnesota North Stars and the World Hockey Association's (WHA) Minnesota Fighting Saints and the New England Whalers. Fans might also be familiar with Dave Hanson, as one of the famed Hanson Brothers, made famous in the hockey movie - *Slapshot*. Hanson currently is the director of the Island Sports Center, home of Robert Morris University's hockey team, in suburban Pittsburgh.

RIVALRY CLUSTERS - The CCHA begins its fourth season with the 12 teams grouped in "rivalry pairings." In the pairings, Notre Dame is paired with Bowling Green. The league's other pairings include Michigan-Michigan State, Miami-Ohio State, Lake Superior State-Northern Michigan, Ferris State-Western Michigan and Alaska Fairbanks-Nebraska-Omaha.

Each season the teams are divided into three, four-team clusters and play a 28-game conference schedule. Cluster teams will face each other four times during the season with two games against each of the remaining eight teams.

In 2005-06, Notre Dame will play Bowling Green, Miami and Ohio State four times with two games at home and two away. The Irish will also play home-and-home series with Ferris State, Michigan, Michigan State and Western Michigan with two-game home series versus Alaska Fairbanks and Lake Superior State. The Irish play two-game road series at Nebraska-Omaha and Northern Michigan. In 2004-05, the Irish played in the same cluster with Bowling Green, Michigan and Michigan State and were 1-10-1 in the 12 games.

SHUTOUT STREAKS - Notre Dame goaltenders **David Brown** and **Morgan Cey** each turned in career-best shutout streaks during the 2003-04 season. Brown set a Notre Dame record with his streak of 193:27, set between Oct. 17 and Nov. 8. In his streak, Brown shutout Bowling Green (10/18), Boston College (10/24) and Nebraska-Omaha (10/31) over three consecutive starts. Cey set his mark of 158:53 between Dec. 29 and Jan. 9. Included in his back-to-back shutouts were 1-0 blankings of Maine (12/28) and Findlay (1/3). Cey previously held the Irish record with a run of 149:17 and set in the 2003 CCHA playoffs.

STAR GAZING - Notre Dame's freshman class of 2005-06 features three players who played their junior hockey for the Lincoln (Neb.) Stars of the USHL in '04-'05. The trio includes goaltender **Jordan Pearce** (Anchorage, Alaska), defenseman **Tom Sawatske** (Duluth, Minn.) and forward **Erik Condra** (Livonia, Mich.). They join sophomore right wing **Evan Rankin** (Portage, Mich.) who spent the '03-'04 season in Lincoln. Condra had 30 goals and 30 assists for 60 points for the high-flying Stars. Sawatske, collected a goal and nine assists for 10 points in 34 games and Pearce was 22-10-4 with a 3.07 goals-against average and a .897 save percentage. Both Sawatske and Pearce were selected to play in the USHL Top Prospects game.

STORM WARNINGS - After bringing in three members of USHL's Tri-City (Kearney, Neb.) Storm for the 2004-05 season, the Irish added a fourth player former Storm player **Christian Hanson** (Venetia, Pa.) to this year's freshman class. Hanson joins sophomores **Brian D'Arcy** (Western Springs, Ill.), **Luke Lucyk** (Fox Point, Wis.) and **Mark Van Guilder** (Roseville, Minn.) as Storm alums. All four were members of the 2003-04 Tri-City team that was the USHL regular-season champion and lost in the championship series to Waterloo. Hanson joins the Irish this season after leading Tri-City in scoring with 19 goals and 33 assists for 52 points on the year. He was the USHL's 2005 Curt Hammer Award winner, the fourth USHL player to win the award and them play at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame Hockey By The Numbers

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The spot where the Colorado Avalanche made Irish freshman **Victor Oreskovich** a second-round pick in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft. The Oakville, Ont. native was joined by **Wes O'Neill** (115th overall by the New York Islanders) and **David Brown** (228th by Pittsburgh) as Irish players selected in the draft

47

Saves posted by **Matt Eisler** in 3-0 win over Ohio State on Oct. 25, 1996 (most ever in a Notre Dame shutout)

40

The pick in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft where the Florida Panthers selected **Rob Globke** - the earliest any Notre Dame hockey player has ever been selected in the draft

15

Players from the National Team Developmental Program to play at Notre Dame since the NTDP started in 1997-98

6:50

Quickest hat trick in Notre Dame history, by **Sterling Black** in 1973

6

Notre Dame career record for shutouts set by **Morgan Cey** (2001-05).

4.0

Semester G.P.A. posted 17 times by Notre Dame hockey players during the past nine years - sophomore **Brian D'Arcy** had two 4.0 semesters in 2004-05 while **Andrew Eggert** had one.

2.32

The lowest goals-against average by an Irish goaltender. **David Brown** turned that in during his freshman year, the 2003-04 season

.925

The top single-season save percentage by a Notre Dame goaltender - set by **David Brown** as a freshman in 2003-04

0

Combined goals scored by Notre Dame and Miami on Dec. 10, 1994 - the first scoreless tie in CCHA history



2005-06 University of Notre Dame Hockey Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	R/L	Birthdate	Hometown	Previous Team
1	Jordan Pearce	G	6-1	201	Fr.	L	10/10/86	Anchorage, AK	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
2	Tom Sawatske	D	5-11	190	Jr.	R	1/12/84	Duluth, MN	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
3	Jamie Silverson	D	6-4	222	Fr.	L	3/26/86	Thunder Bay, ONT	Salmon Arm Silverbacks (BCHL)
4	Dan VeNard	D	6-0	183	So.	R	10/5/85	Vernon Hills, IL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
5	Chris Trick	D	6-3	216	Sr.	R	8/12/84	Troy, MI	Chicago Freeze (NAHL)
6	Noah Babin	D	6-0	184	Jr.	R	3/11/84	Palm Bch. Gardens, FL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
7	Luke Lucyk	D	6-0	192	So.	L	5/5/86	Fox Point, WI	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
8	Josh Sciba	LW	5-11	182	Jr.	L	2/6/85	Westland, MI	USA National Under-18 Team
9	Matthew Williams-Kovacs	RW	5-10	190	Jr.	R	4/28/84	Calgary, ALB	Calgary Royals (AJHL)
10	Justin White	C	6-0	184	Fr.	L	4/23/85	Traverse City, MI	Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)
11	Eric Condra	RW	5-11	184	Fr.	R	8/6/86	Livonia, MI	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
13	Andrew Eggert	D	5-9	164	So.	L	1/8/85	Livonia, MI	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (USHL)
14	Brock Sheahan	D	5-11	176	So.	L	5/6/84	Lethbridge, ALB	Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves (AJHL)
16	Matt Amado	C	5-11	197	Sr.	L	5/7/83	Surrey, BC	Coquitlam Express (BCHL)
17	Mike Walsh	LW	6-2	221	Sr.	L	1/12/83	Northville, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
18	Evan Rankin	RW	6-1	192	So.	R	3/28/86	Portage, MI	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
19	Wes O'Neill	D	6-4	226	Jr.	L	3/3/86	Essex, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
20	Victor Oreskovich	C	6-3	199	So.	R	8/15/86	Oakville, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
21	Tony Gill	LW	5-9	184	Sr.	L	11/18/81	Rochester, MN	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (USHL)
22	Jason Paige	C	6-0	204	Jr.	R	1/19/84	Saginaw, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
23	Mark Van Guilder	RW	6-2	184	So.	R	1/17/84	Roseville, MN	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
24	Brian D'Arcy	D	6-2	191	So.	R	6/29/84	Western Springs, IL	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
25	Christian Hanson	C	6-3	202	Fr.	R	3/10/86	Venetia, PA	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
26	T.J. Jindra	RW	6-0	191	Jr.	R	8/24/82	Faribault, MN	River City Lancers (USHL)
27	Michael Bartlett	LW	6-0	196	Jr.	R	1/6/85	Morton Grove, IL	USA National Under-18 Team
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16	Matt Ah-mado
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26	T.J. JIN-drah
7	Luke LEW-sick
14	Brock SHE-han
8	Josh SKI-ba
20	Victor ORR-res-ko-vich
2	Tom Sah-WATT-ski

assoc. head coach - Paul POOL-ey
assistant coach - Andy SLAG-urt



2005-06 University of Notre Dame Hockey Roster

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16	Matt Amado	C	5-11	197	Sr.	L	5/7/83	Surrey, BC	Coquitlam Express (BCHL)
6	Noah Babin	D	6-0	184	Jr.	R	3/11/84	Palm Bch. Gardens, FL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
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7	Luke Lucyk	D	6-0	192	So.	L	5/5/86	Fox Point, WI	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
19	Wes O'Neill	D	6-4	226	Jr.	L	3/3/86	Essex, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
20	Victor Oreskovich	C	6-3	199	So.	R	8/15/86	Oakville, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
22	Jason Paige	C	6-0	204	Jr.	R	1/19/84	Saginaw, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
1	Jordan Pearce	G	6-1	201	Fr.	L	10/10/86	Anchorage, AK	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
18	Evan Rankin	RW	6-1	182	So.	R	3/28/86	Portage, MI	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
33	Garrett Regan	LW	5-11	178	Fr.	L	4/23/85	Hastings, MN	Waterloo Black Hawks (USHL)
2	Tom Sawatske	D	5-11	190	Jr.	R	1/12/84	Duluth, MN	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
8	Josh Sciba	LW	5-11	192	Jr.	L	2/6/85	Westland, MI	USA National Under-18 Team
14	Brock Sheahan	D	5-11	176	So.	L	5/6/84	Lethbridge, ALB	Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves (AJHL)
3	Jamie Silverson	D	6-4	222	Fr.	L	3/26/86	Thunder Bay, ONT	Salmon Arm Silverbacks (BCHL)
5	Chris Trick	D	6-3	216	Sr.	R	8/12/84	Troy, MI	Chicago Freeze (NAHL)
23	Mark Van Guilder	RW	6-2	194	So.	R	1/17/84	Roseville, MN	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
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By Position

Centers (5) Amado, Hanson, Oreskovich, Paige, White

Left Wing (5) Bartlett, T. Gill, Regan, Sciba, M. Walsh

Right Wing (6) Condra, Jindra, Rankin, Van Guilder, Wallace, Williams-Kovacs

Defensemen (10) .. Babin, D'Arcy, Eggert, Lucyk, O'Neill, Sawatske, Sheahan, Silverson, Trick, VeNard

Goaltenders (3) Brown, Pearce, R. Walsh

By Class

Seniors (6) Amado, T. Gill, Trick, Wallace, M. Walsh, R. Walsh

Juniors (9) Babin, Bartlett, Brown, Jindra, O'Neill, Paige, Sawatske, Sciba, Williams-Kovacs

Sophomores (8) D'Arcy, Eggert, Lucyk, Oreskovich, Rankin, Sheahan, Van Guilder, VeNard

Freshmen (6) Condra, Hanson, Pearce, Regan, Silverson, White



Irish Began New Hockey Era with Jeff Jackson Behind the Bench

Winningest active coach will look to guide Notre Dame to highest level on the college hockey scene

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish hockey program enters a new era with the dawning of the 2005-06 season. The Jeff Jackson era officially begins on Saturday, Oct. 1 when the new head coach can take the ice with his team for the first official practice of the new season. Jackson becomes just the fourth head coach in the modern era (since 1968) as he takes over for Dave Poulin who has moved into a development position within the athletic department.

The veteran head coach returns to the collegiate ranks as the winningest active coach (.751 winning percentage) for the first time since 1996 when he finished his sixth season behind the Lake Superior State bench. In his six seasons guiding the Lakers, Jackson's teams were 182-52-25 (.751), won two CCHA regular-season titles, four playoff titles and a pair of NCAA titles (1992 and 1994) while finishing second in 1993.

Since leaving the Lakers, Jackson has spent four years (1996-2000) as the national coach and director of the U.S. National Team Developmental Program, three years (2000-03) as head coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm and two years (2003-05) as an assistant coach with the New York Islanders.

He takes over a Notre Dame team that will look to rebound from the worst season in the program's 38-year history.

The Irish were 5-27-6 overall in 2004-05 and finished last in the CCHA with a 3-20-5 record. All of this came just one year after the Irish advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 2003-04.

The biggest problem the Irish had in '04-'05 came in the goal-scoring department as they scored just 60 goals in 38 games for a 1.58 goals-per-game average.

Jackson's new team lost just three seniors from a year ago and returns 14 players who played key roles on Notre Dame's NCAA tournament team that was 20-15-4 overall and finished tied for fourth in the CCHA.

Lost to graduation were three players who played key roles in their four seasons with the Irish.

Team captain and right wing **Cory McLean** led the Irish in scoring with five goals and a career-high 17 assists for 22 points and finished a solid season and all-around career at Notre Dame by being named the

CCHA's first-ever scholar-athlete award winner. McLean played in 151 career games and had 26 goals and 42 assists for 68 career points.

Goaltender **Morgan Cey**, who signed a free-agent contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning in August, closed his career as Notre Dame's all-time leader in goals-against average (2.79), save percentage (.913 and shutouts (6) while being ranked in the top 10 of every major goaltending category in the Irish record books.

Cey was the team MVP in 2004-05, as he went 3-17-5 as a senior with a 2.99 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage. He appeared in 27 games and kept his team in virtually every game he played. His season highlights included a career-best 50-save performance in a 3-2 win over No. 1 ranked Boston College on Oct. 22 and a 43-save, 1-0 overtime loss in the CCHA playoffs at Michigan in the final game of his collegiate career.

Defenseman **Joe Zurenko** gave the Irish four solid years on defense and a physical presence in the lineup. He had four assists for his career, playing in 101 games with 171 minutes in penalties.

Jackson and his new staff, which includes former Providence College head coach Paul Pooley, 13-year Irish assistant Andy Slaggert and volunteer assistant coach Jim Montgomery, will look to put 2004-05 in the rearview mirror and start a new era with the Irish.

They will have a solid corps of goaltenders led by junior **David Brown** (Stoney Creek, Ont.), senior **Rory Walsh** (Milton, Mass.) and incoming freshman **Jordan Pearce** (Anchorage, Alaska).

Brown has proven that he can be an outstanding collegiate goaltender as he was one of the keys to Notre Dame's NCAA tournament run in 2003-04.



Junior goaltender David Brown owns a career record of 16-17-4 in two seasons with the Irish. He has a career 3.01 goals-against average and a .905 save percentage.

Last season, the 5-11, 199-pound puck stopper split time with Cey in goal, turning in a 2-10-1 mark with a 4.30 goals-against average and a .870 save percentage. His two wins came in CCHA games - at Alaska Fairbanks and in overtime at home versus Michigan State.

An outstanding technical goaltender with great reflexes and a quick glove hand, Brown figures to be the go-to-guy in the coming year and will look to return to the success he achieved as a freshman. In '03-'04, Brown was 14-7-3 and set Irish single-season marks for lowest goals-against average (2.32), save percentage (.925) and shutouts (4).

A finalist for CCHA rookie of the year honors, Brown capped his first season at Notre Dame by being selected by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2004 Entry Draft.

Walsh has proven to be a solid backup in his first three seasons at Notre Dame.

As the team's third goaltender in '04-'05, Walsh battled back from a severed Achilles' tendon that occurred at the end of his sophomore year to play three games in relief of Brown and Cey. He was 0-0-0 with a 3.41 goals against average and a .850 save percentage.

Walsh's upbeat, positive attitude is great in the Notre Dame locker room and his ability to push the goaltenders in front of him in practice has benefited the team. As a sophomore in '03-'04, with Cey out of the lineup due to a knee injury, Walsh won the starting job and won his first-ever start, a 5-2 decision at Ohio State.

Goaltenders

David Brown

Jr. ... 5-11 ... 199
2-10-1, 4.30 GAA, .870
save% in '04-'05

Jordan Pearce

Fr. ... 6-1 ... 201

Rory Walsh

Sr. ... 5-9 ... 181
0-0-0, 3.41 GAA, .850
save% in '04-'05

Defensemen

Noah Babin

Jr. ... 6-0 ... 184
5g-6a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Brian D'Arcy

So. ... 6-2 ... 191
0g-0a, 10 GP in '04-'05

Andrew Eggert

So. ... 5-9 ... 164
0g-0a, 4 GP in '04-'05

Luke Lucyk

So. ... 6-0 ... 192
1g-1a, 33 GP in '04-'05

Wes O'Neill

Jr. ... 6-4 ... 226
6g-14a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Tom Sawatske

Jr. ... 5-11 ... 190

Brock Sheahan

So. ... 5-11 ... 176
0g-4a, 36 GP in '04-'05

Jamie Silverson

Fr. ... 6-4 ... 222

Chris Trick

Sr. ... 6-3 ... 216
3g-6a, 37 GP in '04-'05

Dan VeNard

So. ... 6-0 ... 183
1g-1a, 25 GP in '04-'05





Junior defenseman Wes O'Neill is the top returning scorer for the Irish. The 6-3, 226-pound blueliner had six goals and 14 assists for 20 points in 2004-05.

Joining the goaltending trio this season will be highly touted freshman **Jordan Pearce** (Anchorage, Alaska) who is an alum of the U.S. National Team Developmental Program and played last season in the USHL for the Lincoln Stars.

The 6-1, 201-pound puck stopper is big and athletic and benefited playing against top competition in the USHL. With Lincoln, Pearce was 22-10-4 with a 3.07 goals-against average and a .897 save percentage in helping the Stars to a tie for second in the USHL's Western Division. He was selected to play in the USHL's Top Prospects game and was ranked 22nd among North American goaltenders in NHL Central Scouting's final rankings.

The Irish defense struggled at times in 2004-05 due to the fact that they played four freshmen and two sophomores much of the time. That experience can only help a blue line that will remain young this season.

Jackson and his staff will go into the opening practice with 10 defensemen on the roster. Of the 10, only one, **Chris Trick** (Troy, N.Y.) is a senior.

A smart and steady defenseman, the 6-3, 216-pound defender's game blossomed during his junior year. A regular on defense, Trick contributed at both ends of the ice. He set career highs in goals (3), assists (6), points (9) and shots on goal (53) while having the lowest plus-minus (-10) among the regular defense. Trick has the ability to make a good first pass and has confidence in his own zone. He will be a steady influence with a young defense this season.

Noah Babin (Jr., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) and **Wes O'Neill** (Jr., Essex, Ont.) each had break out seasons on the Irish defense a year ago and will be joined by junior transfer **Tom Sawatske** (Duluth, Minn.).

Babin was voted the team's most improved player after his sophomore year and finished fifth in scoring with career highs in goals (5), assists (6) and points (11).

The smooth-skating defender blended speed, excellent puck-handling skills and a strong, accurate shot to become one of Notre Dame's top defensemen in '04-'05.

While Babin made big strides in his game, O'Neill took a giant leap, as he became the true leader of the Irish defense. The 6-4, 226-pounder played more minutes than anyone else on the Irish blue line, seeing action in every situation.

A fourth-round pick of the New York Islanders during the summer of 2004, O'Neill was an offensive force from the point as he finished second in scoring with six goals and 14 assists for 20 points, all career highs. The team's power-play specialist with five power-play markers, O'Neill also had eight assists with the man advantage to have a hand in 13 of Notre Dame's 23 power-play goals on the year.

The Irish will look for O'Neill to continue his improvement on the ice. Don't forget,

born March 3, 1985, he will play most of his junior year as a 19-year old.

The third junior on defense this season will be Sawatske who played two seasons at Wisconsin.

Last year, the 5-11, 190-pound right-shot defenseman played in the USHL with the Lincoln Stars. In 34 games, he had a goal and nine assists for 10 points and was selected to play in the Top Prospects game. A strong, skater, Sawatske is a defensive-minded defenseman who handles the puck well. In his two seasons at Wisconsin, he had three goals and 11 assists in 54 games.

Notre Dame's defensive depth comes in the sophomore class as five players who saw various amounts of action in '04-'05 return with a year of Division I experience under their belts.

Luke Lucyk (Fox Point, Wis.), **Brock Sheahan** (Lethbridge, Alb.) and **Dan VeNard** (Vernon Hills, Ill.) saw the most playing time while **Brian D'Arcy** (Western Springs, Ill.) and **Andrew Eggert** (Livonia, Mich.) provided depth.

Lucyk played in 33 of Notre Dame's 38 games and gave the Irish a physical presence on defense. At 6-0, 192-pounds, Lucyk's game improved as the season went on and he adjusted to the speed of the collegiate game. The rugged blueliner had a goal (a game-tying goal in a 1-

1 tie with Nebraska-Omaha) and an assist for two points on the year.

Sheahan was a regular on the Irish defense, playing in 36 of the team's 38 games on the season.

The 5-11, 176-pound defender is strong on his skates and moves the puck well with excellent play-making skills.

VeNard played in 25 games with a goal and assist and was sidelined twice with injuries. When healthy, the former Green Bay Gambler showed excellent defensive instincts and a strong ability to move the puck in his zone. A sound defensive defenseman, VeNard had the best plus/minus on the team (-4) among players who played 25 games or more.

D'Arcy got into 10 games during the season while Eggert saw action in four. D'Arcy has size (6-2, 191) while Eggert (5-9, 164) is a smooth-skating defender.

The lone freshman on the Notre Dame blue line this season is **Jamie Silverson** (Thunder Bay, Ont.)

At 6-4, 222-pounds, Silverson is a physical defenseman who enjoys throwing his weight around. Strong in the corners and in front of the net, Silverson played last year in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) with the Salmon Arm Silverbacks.

In 49 games, Silverson had six assists to go along with 117 minutes in penalties.

While the Irish defense remains young in numbers, there is experience at the top of the group. O'Neill is the leader of the defense and Trick and Babin figure to play key roles. Sawatske has two years of Division I experience, giving the Irish four veterans among the junior and senior classes.

Offense is where the Irish will look to improve. After scoring just 60 goals last year and having a power play that converted at just a 9.8% success rate, the forwards have to step up their games.

Notre Dame returns 12 forwards from last year's team and has added four forwards to the roster, including several who had outstanding junior careers.

Leading the senior forwards are **Tim Wallace** (Anchorage, Alaska) and **Matt Amado** (Surrey, B.C.) who finished second and third on the squad in scoring. They are joined by **Mike Walsh** (Northville, Mich.) and **Tony Gill** (Rochester, Minn.) among the fourth-year returnees.

Wallace had five goals and

Left Wings

Michael Bartlett

Jr. ... 6-0 ... 196
2g-6a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Tony Gill

Sr. ... 5-9 ... 184
2g-0a, 26 GP in '04-'05

Garrett Regan

Fr. ... 5-11 ... 178

Josh Sciba

Jr. ... 5-11 ... 192
6g-4a, 35 GP in '04-'05

Mike Walsh

Sr. ... 6-2 ... 221
2g-8a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Centers

Matt Amado

Sr. ... 5-11 ... 197
5g-7a, 31 GP in '04-'05

Christian Hanson

Fr. ... 6-4 ... 202

Victor Oreskovich

So. ... 6-3 ... 199
1g-2a, 37 GP in '04-'05

Jason Paige

Jr. ... 6-0 ... 204
4g-3a, 37 GP in '04-'05

Justin White

Fr. ... 6-0 ... 184

Right Wings

Erik Condra

Fr. ... 5-11 ... 184

T.J. Jindra

Jr. ... 6-0 ... 191
4g-5a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Evan Rankin

So. ... 6-1 ... 182
5g-5a, 36 GP in '04-'05

Mark Van Guilder

So. ... 6-2 ... 195
3g-5a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Tim Wallace

Sr. ... 6-1 ... 207
5g-9a, 38 GP in '04-'05

Matt Williams-Kovacs

Jr. ... 5-10 ... 190
0g-0a, 6 GP in '04-'05



career highs in assists (9) and points (14) during '04-'05. The 6-1, 207-pound right wing is a solid, two-way player who has never missed a game in his career. His consecutive games played streak of 117 is a Notre Dame record. Wallace has the size and skill to be a top power forward and will look to add to the Irish scoring attack.

Amado is a strong skater with excellent playmaking skills. He can create his own shot or set up a teammate. As a junior, he had five goals and seven assists for 12 points in 31 games. He's shown flashes of his skills over the past three seasons and will look to play at a more consistent level in the upcoming campaign.

Mike Walsh will look to find his sophomore-year goal-scoring touch again. Last year as a junior, Walsh had just two goals and eight assists for 10 points after turning in a 12-goal, 13-assist campaign the previous year.

At 6-2, 221 pounds, Walsh has all the tools to be the big, prototypical power forward that teams covet. He's got size, speed and great hands. A New York Ranger draft choice in 2002, Walsh has a nose for the net and has scored his share of big goals for the Irish.

Gill gives Notre Dame non-stop hustle and energy. One of the team's hardest working players, the Rochester, Minn., native is a strong skater who is an outstanding forechecker who makes life difficult for opposing forwards. He scored the first two goals of his collegiate career as a junior and will look to contribute more in his final season with the Irish.

The Notre Dame roster features five juniors, all of whom have seen their share of action in their first two seasons at Notre Dame.

Josh Sciba (Westland, Mich.) is the top-returning goal scorer among the junior forwards. His six goals (three on the power play) tied O'Neill for the team lead in that department and his four assists gave him 10 points on the year. Sciba gives the Irish outstanding speed and great hands and has a nice touch around the net. He could be ready to have a break out season from his left wing spot.

In **Michael Bartlett** (Morton Grove, Ill.), **Jason Paige** (Saginaw, Mich.) and **T. J. Jindra** (Faribault, Minn.) the Irish have three of the top defensive forwards in the CCHA. Over the last two seasons they've been Notre Dame's top penalty-killing forwards.

Bartlett is a 6-0, 196-pound forward who can play on the right or left side. Strong on his skates, he had two goals and six assists for eight points on the year. His strong stickhandling skills have earned him time on the Irish power play from time to time in his first two seasons.

Paige was held to four goals and three assists in '04-'05 after scoring 10 goals as a freshman. The hard-nosed center scored all of his goals on special teams as he notched three power-play tallies and one short-handed goal on the year. One of the team's top face-off men, Paige is a tough, tenacious physical player who has a driving will to win.

Jindra plays on the right wing and had four goals and five assists last season. Scoring in the clutch became a habit for Jindra as a sophomore as two of his four goals were game winners and one came short-handed. A shot-blocking machine, Jindra

usually plays against the opposition's top forwards due to his outstanding defensive skills.

Rounding out the junior class is **Matt Williams-Kovacs** (Calgary, Alb.). The 5-10, 190-pound right wing will look to put the '04-'05 season behind him as he missed 32 of the team's 38 games due to a broken ankle suffered in the fourth game of the season and a major wrist fracture in his second game after coming back from the broken ankle.

A top scorer in junior hockey, Williams-Kovacs may provide some of the goal scoring the Irish have needed if he can stay healthy.

Three sophomores saw plenty of action in their freshman year and will look to have more of an impact in the 2005-06 campaign.

Evan Rankin (Portage, Mich.) was the team's top freshman scorer last season as he had five goals and five assists for 10 points on the year. Rankin, a 6-1, 182-pound right wing showed a willingness to hang out around the net looking for rebounds and showed signs of an excellent scoring touch. A skilled puck-handler, Rankin knows how to make plays and doesn't shy away from the physical play in the CCHA.

Mark Van Guilder (Roseville, Minn.) joined the Irish and immediately took over a key role on the power play. At 6-2, 194 pounds, Van Guilder, one of four Tri-City Storm alums on the team, gave Notre Dame a big, strong forward who could handle the puck down low along the boards. He finished second on the team with 70 shots on goal and had three goals and five assists on the year.

The third member of the group is **Victor Oreskovich** (Oakville, Ont.). The highly touted forward had his struggles offensively during his rookie year, but it wasn't due to lack of effort. The 6-3, 199-pound right wing led the team with 83 shots on goal, but only scored once with two assists for three points.

Blessed with size and speed, the second-round pick of the Colorado Avalanche in the 2004 NHL Draft will move to center this year to take advantage of his size and skill. A strong year from the former Green Bay Gambler could go a long way to remedy some of the offensive issues that face the Irish.

Joining the squad this season are four freshmen who have had their share of success in junior hockey and hope to have it continue this season in South Bend. The group includes **Erik Condra** (Livonia, Mich.), **Christian Hanson** (Venetia, Pa.), **Garrett Regan** (Hastings, Minn.) and **Justin White** (Traverse City, Mich.).

Condra brings his share of offensive skills to Notre Dame as he is coming off a 30-goal, 30-assist campaign with the USHL's Lincoln Stars in '04-'05. Eleven of those goals came on the power play, with four short-handed tallies and six game-winning goals. The nephew of Irish All-American Kirt Bjork ('83), Condra is 5-11, 184 pounds and can play either center or right wing. A strong two-way player, he is a solid playmaker with a nose for the net.

Hanson brings plenty of offensive tools to Notre Dame after playing two seasons with the USHL's Tri-City Storm. A 6-4, 202-pound right-handed center, Hanson led the Storm in scoring with 19 goals and



Sophomore right wing Evan Rankin led the Irish freshmen in scoring a year ago with five goals and five assists for 10 points on the season.

33 assists for 52 points. A skilled playmaker with great hands, Hanson was the winner of the USHL's Curt Hammer Award that goes to the league's "most gentlemanly player on and off the ice." He was ranked 66th in NHL Central Scouting's final rankings going into the 2005 NHL Entry Draft.

Regan joins the Irish after playing three seasons with the USHL's Waterloo Black Hawks where he helped that team to the USHL title in '03-'04. Last season, the 5-11, 178-pound left wing finished third on the team in scoring with 21 goals and 24 assists for 45 points. He comes to the Irish with an outstanding reputation for his lightning-quick speed, versatility and tremendous work ethic.

White is the final member of the freshman class and comes to Notre Dame after playing last season for the USHL's Sioux Falls Stampede where he had 14 goals and 14 assists for 28 points to finish seventh in team scoring. A strong skater with excellent playmaking skills and great hands, the 6-0, 178 pound forward will see action at center or left wing in his rookie year.

Jackson and his staff will have the annual Blue/Gold game (Oct. 8) and an exhibition game against Waterloo (Oct. 14) to get ready for a season that opens with four games versus some of college hockey's top teams among the first six contests. The Irish open the year at Colorado College (Oct. 21), an NCAA semifinalist, and then face NCAA champion, Denver, the following night. After a home series with Princeton (Oct. 28 and 29), the Irish have a home-and-home series with Michigan to open the CCHA schedule on Nov. 4-5.

The 2005-06 season figures to be one of transition for the Irish as they move into a new era for the program. Coach Jeff Jackson will have the job of molding the old with the new as Notre Dame hockey looks to achieve success in the college hockey world.

