

Coaching Staff



In 20 seasons at Notre Dame, Kevin Corrigan has led the Fighting Irish to 14 conference titles and 13 NCAA Championship appearances. He guided the program to its fourth NCAA quarterfinal trip in 2008.



Head Coach



Kevin Corrigan

**Head Coach
21st Season
Virginia '88**

Kevin Corrigan is set to begin his 21st season on the Fighting Irish sideline in 2009. Since his arrival on campus in 1988, Corrigan has built Notre Dame into one of the premier men's lacrosse programs in the nation. Few coaches in the country boast a résumé dotted with such team and individual success over an extended period of time.

Inheriting a program that had never earned a berth in the NCAA Championship, Corrigan has made the Irish a staple in the postseason. His tenure has been highlighted by quarterfinal appearances in 1995, 2000 and 2008 along with the school's first-ever final four trip in '01. Notre Dame has garnered 13 invitations to the NCAA Championship since 1990, including a current run of three straight trips.

Corrigan's Irish squads have won 14 conference titles and finished in the top 20 of the national rankings on 16 occasions, including 12 vs. top-10 foes. The Irish have an overall record of 181-95 (.656) during Corrigan's tenure. Corrigan has steered the Fighting Irish to a program record 19-game home win streak that is still intact entering the 2009 season.

Irish student-athletes who have played under Corrigan have been highly decorated. At least one Notre Dame player has garnered All-America accolades in each of the last 16 years, with 20 individuals earning a total of 36 All-America honors. Five Irish players have been named the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) player of the year, while Notre Dame student-athletes have gained all-conference mention on 109 occasions, an average of more than five per season.

Corrigan has continued the tradition of academic success for the Irish men's lacrosse program. Since first competing on the varsity level in 1981, every Irish lacrosse senior has graduated. Three players since 1997 have gained Academic All-America honors. In 2006, D.J. Driscoll and Pat Walsh were named USILA Scholar All-Americans.

Many of the best players in Notre Dame history have played under Corrigan, as his graduates include each of the top five point scorers in the program's history, six of the top seven goal scorers and each of the top six players on

the career assist list.

Playing beyond the college level has been a reality for a number of Corrigan's players. Sixteen have been a member of a professional team in either Major League Lacrosse or the National Lacrosse League, while a trio of Irish players has earned spots on United States national teams and come away with gold medals.

The pinnacle of Corrigan's coaching career thus far came in 2001, when the Irish put together the top season in the program's history. Notre Dame posted the best record in school history, 14-2, rose to an all-time high national ranking of #2 before finishing at a program-best #4 and advancing to the NCAA semifinals for the first time in Notre Dame history.

En route to its seventh GWLL championship in '01, Notre Dame beat the likes of perennial lacrosse powers Virginia (11-8) and Loyola (10-7) on the road, as the Irish started the season 5-0. The only blemish on their regular-season mark was an 11-10 overtime loss at Hofstra. After concluding the regular season with a 12-1 mark, Notre Dame was awarded the fifth seed in the 12-team championship field, marking the first NCAA seeding in Irish history. A 12-7 first-round victory over Bucknell and a first-ever win against fourth-seeded Johns Hopkins (13-9) paved the way for a storied NCAA Tournament run. Notre Dame's fairytale '01 campaign ended with a 12-5 loss to Syracuse in the semifinals.



The Corrigan Ledger

Year	School	W	L	Pct.			
1985	Randolph-Macon	5	6	.454			
1986	Randolph-Macon	5	9	.357			
Two-Year Totals		10	15	.400			
Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Final USILA Rank	Conference	NCAA Tourn.
1989	Notre Dame	7	6	.538	--	1-2 GLC	--
1990	Notre Dame	9	7	.563	17	3-0 GLC/1st	1st Round
1991	Notre Dame	7	7	.500	--	2-1 GLC	--
1992	Notre Dame	10	5	.667	--	2-1 GLC/1st	1st Round
1993	Notre Dame	11	3	.786	15	3-0 GLC/1st	1st Round
1994	Notre Dame	10	2	.833	14	3-0 GWLL/1st	1st Round
1995	Notre Dame	9	5	.643	15	4-0 GWLL/1st	Quarterfinals
1996	Notre Dame	9	4	.692	11	4-0 GWLL/1st	1st Round
1997	Notre Dame	9	3	.750	9	3-0 GWLL/1st	1st Round
1998	Notre Dame	5	7	.417	20	2-1 GWLL	--
1999	Notre Dame	8	6	.571	14	3-1 GWLL/T-1st	1st Round
2000	Notre Dame	10	4	.714	13	5-0 GWLL/1st	Quarterfinals
2001	Notre Dame	14	2	.875	4	5-0 GWLL/1st	Semifinals
2002	Notre Dame	5	8	.385	--	4-1 GWLL/T-1st	--
2003	Notre Dame	9	5	.643	18	4-1 GWLL/T-1st	--
2004	Notre Dame	7	5	.583	12	4-1 GWLL	--
2005	Notre Dame	7	4	.636	19	3-2 GWLL	--
2006	Notre Dame	10	5	.667	17	3-2 GWLL	1st Round
2007	Notre Dame	11	4	.733	11	5-0 GWLL/1st	1st Round
2008	Notre Dame	14	3	.824	5	4-1 GWLL*/T-1st	Quarterfinals
20-Year Totals		181	95	.656	14 regular-season titles 13 appearances		
22-Year Career Record		191	110	.635			
* - GWLL tournament champion							

CAREER RECORD:

191-110 (.635), 22 years

RECORD AT NOTRE DAME:

181-95 (.656), 20 years

GWLL COACH OF THE YEAR:

1994, 1996, 2001, 2007



A program-record five players earned USILA All-America honors in '01, with attackman Tom Glatzel becoming the school's first-ever first-team selection, as well as one of five finalists for the Tewaaron Trophy, given to the nation's top player. Goalie Kirk Howell copped second-team All-America accolades while midfielder Steve Bishko was a third-team selection. In addition, attackman David Ulrich, the GWLL player of the year, and defenseman Mike Adams were named to the honorable-mention list.

Adams also became the program's third CoSIDA Academic All-American, when he garnered first-team honors in the '01 men's spring at-large program.

The accomplishments of the '01 team were even more impressive considering they came when the Irish program lacked any grant-in-aid scholarships. Shortly thereafter, it was announced by athletics director Kevin White that all Notre Dame programs would begin a process of offering the maximum number of grants-in-aid allowed by the NCAA, making future trips to the final four by the Irish lacrosse team a greater possibility.

After leading the Irish to a 7-6 record in his first season, 1989, Corrigan's 1990 squad made history, gaining the school's first-ever USILA national ranking (17th in the final poll) and earning Notre Dame's first invitation to the NCAA Championship. In 1992, Notre Dame tied the then-school record for wins, going 10-5, and made its second appearance in the NAAs, winning the Great Lakes Conference championship and the West Region bid for the second time in three seasons.

In 1993, the Irish made their third trip to the NCAA Tournament, re-established the season victory record with 11 and rose as high as 12th in the national polls, completing the season at 15th. Defenseman Mike Iorio became the first player in Irish history to be an All-American, copping third-team honors. Corrigan wound up the season with an invitation to coach the North team in the North-South All-Star Game. His North squad took home a 28-16 victory.

In 1994, Corrigan guided the Irish to one of their best seasons in the program's history. In winning its third straight conference title – and the first for the newly-formed Great Western Lacrosse League – Notre Dame posted a 10-2 overall mark, which included a 12-9 win



over #17 Penn State and a thrilling 12-11 overtime victory over Michigan State clinching an NCAA bid for Corrigan's squad that finished 14th in the final poll. He also was selected GWLL coach of the year for the second time in three seasons.

His 1994 team also boasted two All-America honorees in GWLL player of the year Iorio and attackman Randy Colley, marking the first time in the program's history that multiple Irish players were named in the same year.

Corrigan helped Notre Dame reach new heights in '95, notching its first-ever NCAA Tournament win in a come-from-behind 12-10 victory at #5 Duke, which marked the first time a team from the West had won an NCAA game. The Irish finished the 1995 campaign with a 9-5 record and final ranking of 15th, as the Irish won their fourth straight league championship. Notre Dame's season culminated with an appearance in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals, where the Irish lost to eventual national runner-up Maryland, 14-11.

Iorio and Colley, the '95 GWLL player of the year, both earned All-America honors again. Iorio was a second-team honoree, as he became Notre Dame's first three-time All-American, while Colley earned honorable-mention accolades for the second consecutive year and finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer. His 273 points (173 G, 100 A) were 87 better than the previous Irish record.

For the first time in school history, three Notre Dame players earned All-America honors in the same season in '96, as Todd Rassas, a defenseman, was a third-team selection and midfielder Jimmy Keenan and goalkeeper Alex Cade were tabbed honorable mention. Notre Dame also cracked the national top 10 for the first time ever, climbing to seventh in the USILA poll in mid-April.

Notre Dame's highest final USILA ranking at the time came in 1997, as the Irish ended ninth. That campaign saw Notre Dame earn its first-ever victory over a top-five opponent, as the Irish defeated #4 Hofstra 10-9 at Moose Krause Stadium en route to a 9-3 overall record.

In 1998, Rassas was named the GWLL player of the year and became the school's second three-time All-American when he earned third-team honors. Keenan was an honorable-mention selection that same season for the third consecutive year.

A year later, attackman Chris Dusseau finished his

Kevin Corrigan vs. All Opponents

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Career Record</u>
Adelphi	1-1
Air Force	19-1
Albany	1-0
Army	3-1
Bellarmino	3-0
Brown	2-0
Bucknell	1-0
Butler	13-1
Canisius	4-0
Colgate	1-0
Cornell	0-5
Dartmouth	5-2
Delaware	1-0
Denison	3-1
Denver	9-3
Drexel	2-0
Duke	1-1
Fairfield	4-2
Georgetown	2-7
Guilford	1-1
Hampden-Sydney	0-2
Hartford	2-0
Harvard	7-3
Hobart	6-1
Hofstra	6-7
Johns Hopkins	1-4
Kenyon	2-0
Lake Forest	4-0
Lehigh	4-0
Loyola College	4-12
Lynchburg College	2-0
Maryland	0-3
Maryland-Baltimore County	3-1
Massachusetts	1-4
Michigan State	5-3
Mt. St. Mary's	2-3
New Hampshire	2-0
New Haven	1-1
North Carolina	3-5
Ohio State	17-4
Ohio Wesleyan	1-5
Pennsylvania	2-2
Penn State	11-4
Pfeiffer	1-0
Potsdam	0-1
Princeton	0-1
Quinnipiac	4-0
Radford	2-0
Roanoke	0-2
Rutgers	3-1
St. Bonaventure	1-0
St. Mary's (Md.)	1-1
San Diego State	1-0
Stony Brook	1-1
Syracuse	0-3
Villanova	8-2
Virginia	1-4
Virginia Military Institute	1-1
Virginia Tech	2-0
William & Mary	0-2
Wooster	3-0
Totals	191-110
2009 opponents in bold	

What his teams have done ...

- 2001 NCAA semifinalists
- 1995, 2000 & 2008 NCAA quarterfinalists
- 13 NCAA Championship berths
- 14 regular-season conference titles (11 GWLL, 3 Great Lakes Conference)
- GWLL Tournament champion (2008)
- 16 finishes in the national top 20, including 15 in the last 16 seasons
- 48 wins over ranked opponents, including 12 vs. top-10 teams

What his Notre Dame players have done ...

- Earned All-America honors 36 times, including at least once in each of the last 16 years
- Named GWLL Player of the Year five times
- Earned all-conference honors 108 times
- Earned Academic All-America honors three times
- Participated in STX North/South All-Star Classic 16 times
- Played on U.S. national teams four times
- Gone on to professional careers on 16 occasions

Head Coach

career as Notre Dame's second all-time leading goal scorer (113), while being named honorable mention All-America.

Corrigan reached another pinnacle in 2000, as his Irish upset fifth-ranked Loyola 15-13 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The win marked the first for Corrigan in 10 tries against the Greyhounds and the first-ever victory for a Notre Dame team in 11 games against Loyola. The victory also avenged a 12-2 loss to Loyola at home during the regular season. Notre Dame dropped its NCAA Tournament quarterfinal game to fourth-ranked Johns Hopkins, 15-11, but finished the season 10-4 and undefeated in the GWLL.

In 2003, the Irish went 9-5 and won a share of a fifth consecutive GWLL title, but just missed an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. With the core of that squad returning for the '04 season, Notre Dame opened the campaign with a 17-7 win over Penn State, which allowed them to debut at eighth in the USILA rankings and then move up to #5, becoming just the second Notre Dame team to reach the top five. A pair of disappointing last-second 9-8 losses – against #17 Ohio State and at #3 Maryland – caused the Irish to barely miss the NCAAAs again with a 7-5 mark. Pat Walsh became the first player in school history to earn All-America honors as a freshman, being named an honorable mention selection in '03 before gaining third-team accolades in '04. He also was one of the 15 nominees for the Tewaaron Trophy in his sophomore campaign.

In 2005, Walsh again was a Tewaaron Trophy nominee and copped All-America honors for the third straight season, as he was an honorable-mention selection along with Driscoll. The duo continued the legacy of Irish All-Americans, making it the 13th straight season that Notre Dame had at least one player receive All-America honors. Driscoll also was named the GWLL defensive player of the year and was joined on the all-GWLL first team by Walsh. Freshman goaltender Joey Kemp led the nation with a 0.652 save-percentage and garnered all-GWLL second-team honors along with junior attackman Matt Karweck.

The Irish finished the 2005 season with a 7-4 overall mark and a 3-2 record in the GWLL, which placed them third in the conference. Notre Dame had a win over #21 Penn State (14-6) in the season-opener and would also claim key wins over #10 North Carolina (9-7) and #13 Hofstra (9-8) throughout the course of the season. The victory over North Carolina occurred at the The First 4 Invitational in the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. Notre Dame would reach as high as #9 in the USILA poll, making it the third straight season that the Irish had reached the top-10.

In 2006, the Fighting Irish returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since their trek to the semifinals in 2001. Notre Dame posted a 10-5 mark overall, including a 3-2 record in the GWLL to finish second in the conference. The Irish fell to #1, and eventual national champion, Virginia 14-10 in the first round of the postseason. The four-point margin was the closest outcome for the Cavaliers during their four-game run to the title and the second-closest margin over the course of their undefeated campaign.

For the 14th consecutive season, the Irish had at least one player earn All-America distinction as Driscoll was named to the STX/USILA second team and Kemp copped honorable mention honors. The duo also was among the five Irish players named to the all-GWLL first team. That marked the fourth time that Notre Dame had placed at least five student-athletes on the all-GWLL first team. The Fighting Irish put a school-record seven on the list during the 2001 season. Notre Dame had six on the team in 1997 and five in 1995.

The 2007 season saw the Fighting Irish post an 11-4 record, including a perfect 5-0 mark in the league to win their 10th GWLL title and their first outright championship since 2001. Notre Dame made its second straight trip to the NCAA Championship, yet history repeated itself as the Irish fell to eventual national champion Johns Hopkins, 11-10, in an overtime thriller. The Fighting Irish concluded the campaign ranked 11th in the final USILA poll. On the season, the Irish ranked fourth nationally in both scoring offense (11.65) and scoring defense (6.66). The 6.66 goals-allowed per game is a program record.

Accolades were abundant for the '07 Irish as they boasted five honorable-mention All-America honorees in Kemp, Will Yeatman, Brian Hubschmann, Sean Dougherty and Michael Podgajny. A total of eight Notre Dame student-athletes earned all-GWLL recognition, including first-team members Dougherty, Kemp, Yeatman and Ryan Hoff.

The Fighting Irish swept all of the major GWLL postseason awards for the 2007 season. Corrigan was tabbed the GWLL coach of the year for the fourth time, while Kemp was named the GWLL player of the year and Yeatman was selected as the newcomer of the year. Following a 12-6 win at Ohio State that clinched the '07 GWLL title for the Irish, Corrigan was named the US Lacrosse national coach of the week.

In 2008, Corrigan guided the Irish back to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship with an 8-7 overtime triumph of Colgate in the first round. The Irish were seeded sixth in the tournament and played host to the Raiders in the opening round, making it the first time the program had ever hosted an NCAA Championship contest. Syracuse, the eventual national champion, upended the Irish, 11-9, in the quarterfinals in Ithaca, N.Y. That marked the third straight season that Notre Dame had fallen to the eventual NCAA champion in postseason play. Overall, Notre Dame went 14-3 and finished the season ranked fifth in the final USILA poll. The victory total matched a program record, which also was achieved under Corrigan in 2001.

The Fighting Irish captured their second straight GWLL regular-season title in 2008 as they were among a three-way tie atop the league standings with a 4-1 mark. Notre Dame garnered the top seed for the inaugural GWLL postseason tournament and the Irish took home the hardware with victories over Quinnipiac and Ohio State in Birmingham, Mich.

Four Irish players (Kemp, Dougherty, Podgajny, Hoff) were tabbed as All-Americans in 2008. Kemp became just the second first-team All-American in program history and the first goalie to be named a first-teamer. Dougherty was a third-team pick, while Podgajny and Hoff were honorable-mention honorees. Those four Fighting Irish players were among six that received all-GWLL honors. Those six student-athletes were a key reason why the Irish ranked fifth nationally in both goals scored per game (12.09) and goals allowed per game (7.04) in 2008. Hoff became the first player in program history to notch back-to-back 40-goal seasons. He tallied 40 as a sophomore in 2007 and followed it with 41 in 2008.

Corrigan not only has seen his team's excel on the field but also in the community. Another piece of hardware that



The Corrigan family: (sitting, left to right) Kevin, Lis, Natale. (standing, left to right) Sidney, Will.

the 2008 Irish squad received was the Trophy Award at Notre Dame's seventh annual O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievements and Recognition Showcase). Established by the Office of Student Welfare and Development at Notre Dame, The Trophy Award annually recognizes an athletic team that has demonstrated its commitment and dedication to the community through unparalleled community service to Notre Dame and South Bend. The Irish have been very active in the South Bend area, including a mentorship program at Jefferson Middle School.

Corrigan was acknowledged for his contributions to the Irish lacrosse program when Notre Dame's Monogram Club awarded him an honorary monogram in 2000.

An assistant at Virginia for two years, Corrigan became just the second head coach in Notre Dame's history on Aug. 23, 1988.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Corrigan assisted the Cavaliers during both the 1987 and '88 seasons under head coach Jim "Ace" Adams.

During a three-year playing career at Virginia, Corrigan scored five goals and registered six assists. He played in 20 games as a midfielder. In his sophomore season in 1979, the Cavaliers reached the NCAA final before losing to Johns Hopkins in overtime.

This is Corrigan's second stint as a head coach. He directed Randolph-Macon College (Va.), a Division III program, for two seasons, compiling a 10-15 record in 1985 and 1986. He previously served as an assistant at Randolph-Macon during the 1984 campaign. In 22 years as a head coach, Corrigan holds a record of 191-110 (.635).

Corrigan also served as an assistant at Notre Dame during the 1983 season and at Western Albemarle (Va.) High School in 1982. He is the son of former Notre Dame athletic director Gene Corrigan, who retired in '97 as the commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The elder Corrigan played collegiate lacrosse at Duke and guided the Virginia and Washington & Lee lacrosse programs. He was inducted into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame in February of 1994.

Kevin's brother Tim was a three-time monogram winner as a midfielder at Notre Dame from 1984-86. Two of Kevin's other brothers, David and Brian, also served as assistants under former Irish head lacrosse coach Rich O'Leary. Another brother, Eugene "Boo", was Notre Dame's associate athletics director for corporate relations and marketing from 2004-08.

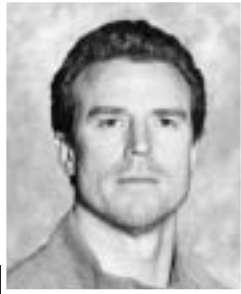
When not coaching, Corrigan still remains active by participating in various lacrosse clinics and camps and is a member of the South Bend Regional Sports Commission. He and his wife, Lis, reside in South Bend with their three children – Will, Sidney and Natale.

With Kevin Corrigan entering his 21st season as head coach of the Fighting Irish men's lacrosse program in 2009, he is the 12th coach in Notre Dame history to guide a team for at least 21 seasons. Here is a breakdown of the longest coaching tenures in Notre Dame history ...

	Coach	Sport	Seasons
1.	Jake Kline	Baseball	42 (1934-75)
2t.	Mike DeCicco	Fencing	34 (1962-95)
2t.	Joe Piane	Track/Cross Country	34 (1975-present)
4.	Tim Fallon	Wrestling	32 (1955-87)
5.	Tom Fallon	Men's Tennis	31 (1957-87)
6.	Rev. George Holderith, C.S.C.	Men's Golf	29 (1933-61)
7.	Dennis Stark	Men's Swimming & Diving	27 (1958-85)
8.	Tim Welsh	Men's Swimming & Diving	24 (1985-present)
9t.	Muffet McGraw	Women's Basketball	22 (1987-present)
9t.	Bobby Bayliss	Men's Tennis	22 (1987-present)
11t.	Tim Connelly	Women's Cross Country	21 (1988-present)
11t.	Kevin Corrigan	Men's Lacrosse	21 (1989-present)



Assistant Coach



Gerry Byrne

**Assistant Coach
Third Season
Massachusetts-
Amherst '86**

Gerry Byrne enters the third season of his second stint as an assistant coach for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team in 2009. In 2007, Byrne returned to the Fighting Irish program, where he served as an assistant from 1989-91. Prior to his return to Notre Dame, he was the head coach at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. from 2003-06.

The Fighting Irish have enjoyed tremendous success since Byrne rejoined the staff. Notre Dame has posted a 25-7 record and has captured two regular-season Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) titles and a GWLL tournament championship. The Irish have earned an NCAA Championship bid both seasons and are coming off a run to the quarterfinals in 2008. Notre Dame has produced nine All-America and 14 all-conference selections in addition to eight Major League Lacrosse draft picks over the past two seasons. The Irish also will carry a program-record 19-game home win streak into the 2009 campaign.

Notre Dame has reaped the benefits of Byrne's defensive knowledge. In 2007, Byrne helped guide a Notre Dame defensive unit that held opponents to a program-record 6.66 goals per game, which ranked fourth nationally. The defense played a large role in the Irish posting an 11-4 record overall, including a perfect 5-0 conference mark to win its first outright GWLL title since 2001. In addition, the Irish also ranked fourth nationally in scoring offense with an 11.65 goals per game average. Notre Dame concluded the season ranked 11th in the final USILA poll.

The 2007 season saw five Fighting Irish players earn All-America honors. Junior defenseman Sean Dougherty and junior goalie Joey Kemp were two of those honorees that helped to bolster the stingy Notre Dame defense. Kemp also was named the GWLL player of the year and selected to the all-league first team along with Dougherty, while fellow junior defenseman Ross Zimmerman was tabbed as a second-team all-GWLL performer. The Irish coaching staff also was recognized as the GWLL's staff of the year.

In 2008, it was much of the same as Notre Dame ranked fifth nationally in both goals-against average (7.04) and goals scored per game (12.09). The Irish tied the program record for



wins in a season as they compiled a 14-3 record, including a 4-1 league mark to tie for first, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship for the fourth time in school history. The Fighting Irish also played host to an NCAA Tournament game for the first time ever.

The sixth-seeded Irish defeated Colgate 8-7 in overtime to advance to the quarterfinals, where they were topped by eventual national champion Syracuse, 11-9. Notre Dame concluded the season ranked fifth in the final USILA poll.

The Irish defense came through when it counted most during the 2008 campaign. In the title game of the inaugural GWLL tournament, Notre Dame, behind a stellar effort from Kemp, shut down #10 Ohio State in a 9-2 triumph to give the Irish the title. On the season, Notre Dame surrendered 10 or more goals on just two occasions, while holding the competition to six goals or fewer eight times.

Four Irish players, including Kemp and Dougherty, were tabbed as All-Americans in 2008. Kemp became just the second first-team All-American in program history and the first goalie to be named a first-teamer, while Dougherty was a third-team pick. Zimmerman received first-team all-GWLL honors as he helped the Irish to a three-way tie for the league's regular-season title. In all, six Irish players gar-



The Byrne family: (left to right) Pierre, Gerry, Brandon, Tracy and Rory

nered all-league accolades in '08. Following the season, Dougherty, Kemp and Zimmerman all were drafted into Major League Lacrosse.

Another piece of hardware that the 2008 Irish squad received was the Trophy Award at Notre Dame's seventh annual O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievements and Recognition Showcase). Established by the Office of Student Welfare and Development at Notre Dame, The Trophy Award annually recognizes an athletic team that has demonstrated its commitment and dedication to the community through unparalleled community service to Notre Dame and South Bend. The Irish have been very active in the South Bend area, including a mentorship program at Jefferson Middle School.

Byrne graduated Cum Laude from UMass Amherst in 1986 with a degree in economics. He was a two-year starter and a three-year letterman in addition to being an All-New England defenseman for the Minutemen in 1986. He was a starter in two NCAA Tournament games, including the 1986 quarterfinals versus Johns Hopkins.

Byrne then earned his MBA from Notre Dame, where he also worked as defensive coordinator for the Fighting Irish. He helped Notre Dame earn its first NCAA Tournament berth during the 1990 campaign as the Irish posted a 9-7 record, including a perfect 3-0 mark in the MLA's Great Lakes Conference, which gave them the league title.

Following his graduation from UMass, Byrne was a four-time All-United States Club Lacrosse Association member with the Brine Lacrosse Club. He was also invited to tryout with the U.S. National Team on three occasions (1989, 1997, 2001), which placed him among the top-30 defensemen in the nation. Other playing accolades for Byrne include being named an All-Lake Placid Classic performer on 11 occasions and an All-Vail Shootout competitor nine times.

One of his signature years as a player came in 1997. That season he was named a Vail Shootout All-Star in the Elite Division along with copping Vail Shootout MVP honors in the Masters Division. Byrne also was named the Lake Placid Tournament Defensive MVP in the Elite Division and was chosen as the Masters Division MVP. Finally, he was invited to the National Team Selection Camp and was the USCLA/Empire League Player of the Year for the Syracuse Lacrosse Club.

Byrne was inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame - New England Chapter - in 1999 and was the 2001 New Hampshire High School Coach of the Year while at Souhegan High School. He was drafted by the New York Saints of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) in 1991 and played for them in 1992. Byrne also was drafted by the Rochester Knighthawks of the NLL as a defensive forward and went on to win a World Championship with them in 1997.

He continued his professional career following a three-year retirement when he was drafted by the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse (MLL) in 2000. Byrne played for the Cannons from 2000-02, while having the distinction of being the oldest active player in the league at that time. He played in the inaugural MLL Final Four in 2001 and made another appearance there the following season.

In addition to his duties at Saint Anselm, Byrne stayed active in the sporting world in several other ways. He served as managing director at Kiltegan Marketing Group, which is an integrated sports marketing services company with clients such as Reebok and Major League Lacrosse. Byrne also has spent time as the director of marketing for Cybex International and Brine, a major manufacturer of lacrosse equipment. He also owns the Premier Players Lacrosse Camps and is the founder of the Texas Top-99.

Byrne is a native of Levittown, N.Y., where he was an All-Long Island Catholic League lacrosse player at Chaminade High School before his graduation in 1982. He and his wife, Dr. Tracy Byrne, a practicing OB/GYN and a 1990 graduate of Notre Dame, are the parents of three children, Rory, Pierre and Brandon.

Assistant Coach



Brian Fisher

Assistant Coach
Third Season
Rutgers '01

Brian Fisher is entering his third season as an assistant coach for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team in 2009. Fisher joined the Fighting Irish from his alma mater, Rutgers University, where he was an assistant coach for five seasons.

The Fighting Irish have enjoyed tremendous success since Fisher's arrival. Notre Dame has posted a 25-7 record and has captured two regular-season Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) titles and a GWLL tournament championship. The Irish have earned an NCAA Championship bid both seasons and are coming off a run to the quarterfinals in 2008. Notre Dame has produced nine All-America and 14 all-conference selections in addition to eight Major League Lacrosse draft picks during Fisher's time at the University. The Irish also will carry a program-record 19-game home win streak into the 2009 campaign.

In 2007, Fisher helped the Fighting Irish post an 11-4 record, which included a perfect 5-0 mark in conference play as Notre Dame captured its first outright GWLL title since 2001. The Irish fell to eventual national champion Johns Hopkins, 11-10, in an overtime thriller during the first round of the NCAA Championship. As a team, Notre Dame ranked fourth nationally in both scoring offense (11.65) and scoring defense (6.66). Notre Dame concluded the season ranked 11th in the final USILA poll.

Receiving honorable-mention All-America honors following the '07 season were Brian Hubschmann (Sr., M/A), Sean Dougherty (Jr., D), Joey Kemp (Jr., G), Michael Podgajny (Jr., M) and Will Yeatman (Fr., A). The Irish also had eight players cop all-GWLL accolades, including Kemp, who was the league's player of the year, and Yeatman, the newcomer of the year. The Irish coaching staff also was recognized as the GWLL's staff of the year.



The NCAA Championship quarterfinal appearance was just one of the highlights of the 2008 campaign. Notre Dame matched a program record for wins with its 14-3 mark, including a 4-1 league record to tie for first, and won the inaugural GWLL tournament. The Irish ranked fifth nationally in both goals-against average (7.04) and goals scored per game (12.09). Notre Dame concluded the season ranked fifth in the final USILA poll.

The Fighting Irish also played host to an NCAA Tournament game for the first time ever. The sixth-seeded Irish defeated Colgate 8-7 in overtime to advance to the quarterfinals, where they were topped by eventual national champion Syracuse, 11-9.

Notre Dame boasted four All-Americans in 2008. Kemp became just the second first-team All-American in program history. Dougherty was a third-team selection, while Podgajny and Ryan Hoff (Jr., A) were honorable-mention picks. Hoff became the first player in program history to notch back-to-back 40 goal seasons. He tallied 40 as a sophomore and followed it with 41 in 2008. The quartet of Irish All-Americans was among a group of six that copped all-conference accolades.

Fisher also helped guide a Notre Dame faceoff unit that ranked second among all NCAA Division I teams in 2008 with a .628 winning percentage. Notre Dame ranked 15th

nationally in that category during Fisher's first season with the Irish.

Another piece of hardware that the 2008 Irish squad received was the Trophy Award at Notre Dame's seventh annual O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievements and Recognition Showcase). Established by the Office of Student Welfare and Development at Notre Dame, The Trophy Award annually recognizes an athletic team that has demonstrated its commitment and dedication to the community through unparalleled community service to Notre Dame and South Bend. The Irish have been very active in the South Bend area, including a mentorship program at Jefferson Middle School.

Fisher was a standout midfielder and faceoff man for the Scarlet Knights for four seasons (1998-2001). As a coach at Rutgers, he worked extensively with the Scarlet Knight midfielders and was the assistant director of MVP Lacrosse Camps.

Fisher was one of the top face-off men in the nation throughout his Rutgers career. He won 268-of-533 (.502) face-offs in his career. In 2001, as the team's face-off specialist, he took 76 percent of the teams face-offs, winning 120-of-232 (.517) of them. He also led the Scarlet Knights with 69 ground balls.

Fisher was awarded the Rutgers Lacrosse Knight Cup in 2001. The Cup goes to the player "who has played the game of lacrosse to the best of his ability, who has, by example, inspired or led his teammates both on and off the field and, who, above all, has consistently demonstrated the qualities of unselfishness and loyalty to his team and Rutgers University." That same season he was named the Rutgers Lacrosse Time Scholar-Athlete.

The Morton, Pa. native also was awarded the 2000 Frederick Fitch Trophy while at Rutgers. The honor is presented to the varsity letterwinner who, through personal effort to develop his lacrosse ability, has shown the greatest improvement during the season.

Fisher was a key member of the Ridley High School team that won the Pennsylvania State Championship in 1997. During his career at Ridley, his team compiled a 56-7 record. He was also captain of his wrestling team in high school.

Fisher married the former Lauren Vader from South Orange, N.J. on December 19, 2008, in the Caribbean. Lauren teaches seventh grade social studies at Marshall Middle School in South Bend.



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